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Arms Conference End is in Sight

Naval Committee Reaches Agreement On Airplane Carrier Tonnage—Experts Work On Pacts.

[By the Associated Press]

Washington, Dec. 31.—The end of the naval limitation work of the arms conference was in sight today as the naval experts of the powers turned to the task of working out detailed agreements on the program virtually disposed of by the full naval committee, which was in adjournment today until next week.

At the same time the Root subcommittee took up today the drafting of the Root proposal agreed to in substance by all the powers, to reaffirm existing rules of naval warfare against merchant craft, and declare their application to submarines and invite adherence of all nations.

AGREE ON TONNAGE.

Agreement by the naval committee yesterday on aggregate tonnage limitations for aircraft carriers left for disposition on the limitation program only the proposal to limit future auxiliary craft to 10,000 tons and their armament to guns of not more than eight inches. Approval was given this proposal by all delegations but the French, who deferred formal answer pending advices from Paris which are expected to permit the committee to complete the naval limitation agreement next week. It will then take up also the second Root proposal to prohibit entirely the use of submarines against merchant craft, instructions regarding which are now awaited by both the French and Japanese.

TREATY BEING DRAWN.

A five-power treaty embodying all the points on which agreement has been reached already is in process of drafting and will include the capital ship agreement, the agreement on airplane carriers, the displacement limitation for auxiliary craft and the resolutions finally accepted regarding submarines.

SHANTUNG BEFORE CONFERENCE

With progress in the naval program clearing the way for the resumption of Far Eastern discussions, probably next week, the problems remaining to be settled had received additional emphasis in the statement of one of the Chinese delegates that they would attempt to transfer the Shantung issue into the full conference, to break the deadlock in their negotiations with the Japanese.

At the same time the latter reasserted yesterday their position that the Shantung question was not on the agenda of the conference and did not come within the scope of its deliberations.

COUNSEL NO LIMITATION.

[By the Associated Press]

The armament conference's subcommittee on aviation filed its final report Friday and according to authoritative information, considers its duties completed so far as this conference is concerned.

The report was understod to have recommended that the conference attempt no limitation of airplane construction, since any curtailment would necessarily affect legitimate progress in aeronautics for commercial purposes, but to have voiced decided opinion as to regulation of airplanes for use during military and naval operations.

BALFOUR LEAVES JAN. 14.

[By the Associated Press]

Washington, Dec. 31.—Definite decision has been made by Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British arms conference delegation, to sail for home Jan. 14. He will be accompanied by Lord Lee of Fareham, first lord of the British admiralty, leaving Sir Auckland Geddes, Britain's ambassador here to wind up any remaining conference matters.

French Approve Sub Restriction

[By the Associated Press]

Paris, Dec. 31.—The French delegation at Washington, it was understood in official quarters here today, already has given hearty assent to the application of international law in the operation of submarines which, in the French interpretation, satisfies the demand of Great Britain that submarines in time of war be prohibited from torpedoing merchant ships.

PRESS PAYS LITTLE ATTENTION TO MEET

[By the Associated Press]

Paris, Dec. 31.—The French press has taken little editorial notice of the proceedings at the Washington conference, its comment consisting of brief references to the general situation, and being usually critical of England's position. There has been no detailed comment since early this month, and the news of the conference itself has been held to brief agency dispatches.

Receive Cable Rights on Yap

[By the Associated Press]

Washington, Dec. 31.—An arrangement whereby the Netherlands as well as the United States and Japan are to be given cable rights on the island of Yap, was agreed to today by the address of delegations, five major powers participating in the Washington conference of the Netherlands.

Great Britain and Italy accepted the arrangement with reservations, the former indicating that British interest might also desire in the future to have certain rights on the island and Italy claiming an interest in one of three existing cables that touch the island.

The arrangement as tentatively agreed to provides for allotment of the Yap-Guam cable to the United States; the Yap-Shanghai cable to Japan, and the Yap-Menado cable to Holland.

CHICAGO TO HAVE LAKE-OCEAN SHIPS

To Make City Port of Original Entry.

Chicago, Dec. 31—Levy Mayer, vice president of the Great Lakes Transit corporation announced Thursday that a deal had been closed whereby the company will make Chicago a port of original entry and delivery between here and Buffalo.

BUYS FLEET.

Some time ago the Great Lakes company bought the Lehigh Valley lake fleet and it was announced that it had purchased from the Lehigh Valley railroad two large warehouses and lease-hold interest in dock property between North Water street and the Chicago river.

WANT OCEAN SHIPS.

Mr. Mayer stated that the Great Lakes company, which has 23 boats, is considering the purchase of 10 ocean going steamers for Great Lakes service. Eight boats will be put in service in the spring, he said, and as many additional steamers as the traffic demands. Three weekly arrivals and departures from Chicago are planned and the line expects to carry between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 tons of freight each season, he said. Mr. Mayer added that the company expected to make joint rate arrangements with western and southwestern railroads and tariffs covering the traffic will be filed with the interstate commerce commission.

ST. LOUIS PLANS BIG NEW YEAR'S PARTY

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 31.—Despite an augumented force of prohibition agents having orders to be on the alert for the violators of the Volstead act, St. Louis planned an elaborate welcome to the New Year tonight.

Approximately 10,000 reservations had been made at leading hotels, cabarets, clubs and restaurants for the event, which is to be celebrated in carnival fashion with cabaret programs, musical selections and confetti.

Many guests from points in Illinois and Missouri were among those having reservations.

BRIEF PARAGRAPHS FROM THE STATES

Chicago—The year 1921 closes with the railroads in a situation of great uncertainty, while class 1 railways were unable to earn their fixed charges during the year, Samuel M. Felton, president of the Chicago Greatwestern, said in a statement.

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New York—One person was killed and 15 others injured in a rear-end collision in Ninth avenue elevated railroad.

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Fargo, N. D.—James Howard, president of the American farm bureau federation, declared in an address that the agricultural bloc in congress is a result of the times.

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Boston—Supreme Court Judge Crosby announced that unless the trustees of the Christian Science Publishing society and the directors of the First Church of Christ Scientist agreed by Tuesday on a new trustee to succeed Lamont Rowlands, he would appoint a temporary receiver for the society.

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Chicago—Railway mileage declined 1,200,000 miles during the year 1921 and a new low record in improvements made and equipment ordered and acquired was established, according to figures compiled and announced by the Railway Age.

IUKA BANK ROBBERY SUSPECTS GIVE BOND

Belleville, Ill., Dec. 31.—Peter McClauney, Claude Bernero, Leo Hildebrand and Melvin Cramer, arrested in connection with the Iuka state savings bank robbery, were held under bonds of $50,000 each today, on charges of robbin ga bank. Similar charges against them preferred before an East St. Louis justice of the peace. They will be given a hearing Jan. 9, the date the grand jury convenes.

REPORTED BREAK "SILLY"—HARDING

[By the Associated Press]

Washington, Dec. 31 — President Harding Friday characterized as "silly" reports that relations between him and Secretary Hughes had been greatly strained by developments during the arms negotiations.

The President's statement was made in reply to a question asked at his conference with newspaper men today, based on published stories that Hughes was contemplating resignation from the Cabinet as a result of the difference in view over the scope of the four-power treaty and various other developments since the Arms Conference began.

Beyond saying that such re-ports were "silly," President Harding would not talk about the subject.

DEBS GIVEN FREEDOM BUT NOT FORGIVEN

Punishment for Crime Accomplished.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist leader, was granted his freedom from Atlanta federal penitentiary on Christmas by President Harding solely as "an act of grace;" his violation of the espionage act remains unforgiven by the government. This was disclosed Friday night by Attorney-General Daugherty, who made public the text of his recommendations to the president in the Debs case.

In considering the matter, Mr. Daugherty stated he had given Debs the privilege of discussing his case with the attorney-general personally because of his position as a leader in his line of thought "with the desire to give the subject, which affects many others as well, the fairest possible consideration."

EXAMPLES TO OTHERS.

In dealing with pardon cases, he continued, the object to be accomplished by imprisonment, the protection of society, must be taken into account and where a reasonable punishment necessary for an example to others is accomplished, there is no justification for further imprisonment. In the particular case of Debs, he added, there was a danger that his prolonged imprisonment would have an injurious effect on a large number of people who would regard it as unjustifiable and rather than being beneficial to society it might operate as an example of harshness.

CATTLE MEN FACE ERA OF PROSPERITY

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Cattle men of the country stand on the threshold of an era of prosperity, and the man who has cattle will soon be in a strong strategic position, according to President S. B. Stafford of the Chicago Livestock Exchange, who issued his annual statement today.

The cattle man had his settlement day according to President Stafford, when he had to step up and take his losses in the readjustment, but he is now approaching a time when he can write his results in black ink instead of red.

As an indication of approaching good times he stated that cows suitable for breeding purposes have increased in value in the western states from $10 to $20 a head in the last sixty days.

LENINE RETAINS SOVIET POSITION

[By the Associated Press]

Riga, Letvia, Dec. 31.—Nikolai Lenine retains his position as executive head of the Russian soviet government as result of the ultimatum action of the Ninth All-Russian soviet congress just before its sessions closed.

PENROSE CONDITION ABOUT THE SAME

Washington, Dec. 31.—The condition of Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, confined to his hotel for several days with a severe cold, was described today as about the same. It was said at his office that the finance committee chairman would be able to resume his seat next Wednesday when the Senate convenes after the holiday recess.

CONVICT KILLED IN ATTEMPTED ESCAPE

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 31.—Charles Jackson, 27 years, colored, one of the most desperate convicts at the new prison, was killed last night when he attacked Keeper E. R. Riggs, attempted to secure his revolver and keys and liberate five other prisoners from the special cell house. He was received Jan. 5, 1919 from Peoria on a charge of assault to kill and murder.

Great Story Starts Monday

"The Snowshoe Trail" by Edison Marshall, begins in The Review Monday, to run twelve days.

A graphic, gripping, thrilling novel, by a popular author of today. Get the opening, because you will want it all.

Gradual Business Recovery Probable

Depth of Depression Past, But Time Will Be Required to Restore Crippled Purchasing Power.

By F. Schneider, Jr.
Financial Editor New York Evening Post

WHILE the present world situation still carries an abundance of uncertainties, the probability is that the worst of the depression is past and that a gradual recovery in business has begun. Such a conclusion is justified on both theoretical and empirical grounds.

Rehearsing the sequence of events in the typical business cycle, it will be recalled that after a crisis has been bred of inflated costs and high money rates, the first sign of a break comes in the stock market. The next striking development is a decline in commodity prices to be followed in turn by a slackening in the rate of business activity and depression. Still later in the cycle, money rates begin to fall. The first sign of revival, then, comes as a rally in security prices,

START REVIVAL.

In the present instance the indications are that the latter stage has been reached. November, 1919, saw the beginning of liquidation in the stock market. 1920 was the year of falling commodity prices. 1921 has been the year of falling money rates. The autumn of the past year, furthermore, saw a modest but distinct improvement in the volume of industrial production, and the last months of the year witnessed substantial recoveries in security prices.

Leaving the cycle theory out of the question, it is apparent that business conditions are now on a much more workable basis. Commodity prices have gained a very fair measure of stability. "Distress" selling of commodities is generally at an end Further recessions in commodity prices are likely to reflect lower production costs as a result of wage reductions and lower transportation costs. As such they will be less rapid and more calculable. They will create nothing like the uncertainty attending the earlier declines. Stocks of commodities are very considerably reduced and several basic industries show trustworthy signs of having turned the corner.

BANKING IMPROVES.

A major improvement in banking conditions is another encouraging factor. A vast volume of frozen credits has been liquidated.

Actual betterments in industry are numerous. Steel making touched the depth of its depression last July, has rallied substantially, and is holding its gains well through the normally dull winter season. Textile mills have operated at a remarkably satisfactory rate, and their takings of cotton and wool have increased consistently. Cotton growers profited by a strong rise in values during the fall, and the oil industry shows a healthy recovery from an overdone price deflation.

RECOVERY RETARDED.

If business, then, has turned the corner, the question remains as to the probable speed of the recovery. Several powerful brakes to the movement must be admitted. The dislocation of world business has been huge, representing the liquidation not only of a violent post-armistice speculation, but the inflation of four years of world war. Europe's economic loss was enormous, and the purchasing power destroyed cannot be restored in a day.

Similarly, domestic recovery is retarded by the seriously crippled purchasing power in the agricultural districts. This year's crop was mortgaged before it went into the ground. It has been, furthermore, a serious disappointment, both as to yield and the prices obtained. As a result, at least another crop is needed to get the farmer out of debt. With the prices of his products far below those of the articles he must buy, it is a foregone conclusion that his purchases will be limited to strict necessities. A strong rally in farm products would, of course, help the situation greatly, but there is no particular reason for anticipating such a rally. Agricultural buying, therefore, probably will be only moderately improved.

IN EUROPE.

Turning to Europe, the past year has seen the greatest disparity in the progress made by the different countries. It is perhaps not without significance, however, that the principal exchanges recorded substantial net gains on the year. Such questions as German reparations, a stable basis for the impoverished countries, and the interallied debts now dominate the situation. With these issues at a critical stage it might seem that Europe's progress, or lack of progress, is discouraging. Such a view would be, however, a superficial one. Conditions on the Continent really have improved materially since the armistice. Actual warfare is dying out. Political and economic problems are decidedly closer to rational treatment and rational solutions. Europe has steadied and strengthened herself socially and politically. The time is now ripe for the introduction of financial reforms. The important thing is that the will to solve the pressing financial and economic problems is at hand.

We may conclude, therefore, that the worst is past and that recovery is under way. Improvement is likely to be gradual, and seasonal trends probably will stand out. For the coming year cheaper money rather than pronouncedly better trade seems to be on the cards. Further moderate readjustments may be expected in production costs and prices, and margins of profit will be moderate. An increasing number of businesses should, however, be able to operate at a profit.

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A financial review and forecast for 1921-1922 will be found on Pages 4 and 5.

INDIA WANTS HER FREEDOM

Will Make Guerilla War ta Get It.

[By the Associated Press]

Ahmedabad, British India, Dec. 31.—A plea for an Indian republic to be called the United States of India to be declared Jan. 1 and to be attained by Guerilla warfare, if necessary was the principal feature of the address of President Hasrat Mohani of the all-India moslem league in opening the annual session of the league today.

Mohani invited Mohandas Gandhi, leader of the Non-Co-operative movement who was present to form a parallel government with its own parliament.

SAN FRANCISCO'S STREET CARS PAY

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—San Francisco's municipal railways, since their inauguration in 1912, have yielded returns of $16,601,077, an excess of $5,876,358 above operating costs, according to announcement by the board of public works. The line has charged a five-cent fare ever since it was organized.

Out of the excess, the city has redeemed $994,500 of the original bond issue, interest has been paid on the entire bond issue, and $1,500,000 has been spent for extension, leaving a reserve fund of more than $2,000,000 on hand.

The system, for which citizens originally voted $5,500,000 the report shows, could not now be duplicated for less than $8,000,000. In the time of operation the city treasury has not been drawn on to pay any part of the original debt.

FROM FOREIGN WIRES.

Toronto.—Statisticians computed that approximately 1,000,000 words had been spoken during the five-day convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, while the scientists plunged into the question what language man should use.

Managua, Nicaragua.—The American marines who have been on trial before a naval tribunal composed of officers from the U. S. cruiser Galveston have been found guilty of the slaying of three Nicaraguan policemen.

Montreal.—All testimony taken in Canada in the Stillman divorce case will be heard publicly, Eugene Godin, commission counsel to conduct the Canadian hearings, announced.

Montreal.—McGill University announced it had received a $1,000,000 gift promised it some time ago by the Rockefeller foundation.

ROYAL MOUNTED HUNT CANNIBALS

Scarcity of Caribou Brings Starvation.

Edmonton, Atla., Dec. 31.—A policeman of the Royal Canadian mounted police, accompanied by an Indian guide and two dog team drivers, today set out from Fort Fitzgerald for the barren lands north of Lake Athabasca to investigate reports that the caribou eating tribes of Indians there were suffering from lack of food and had resorted to cannibalism.

If evidence of cannibalism is found, the policeman has been instructed to bring back his prisoners. It is a tradition among members of the force that they always "get their man."

MISS MIGRATION.

Reports received by the northern detachment of Canada's frontier force last summer stated that the Indians had missed the annual migration of caribou herds and were starving in consequence. Then came rumors that conditions were so acute that some members of the tribe had been killed to relieve the hunger of the others. It was impossible to reach the hunger stricken country during the open season.

TRIP POSSIBLE.

Now that the trails are frozen and passable, the trip will be made. The route lies through a wilderness noted for its scarcity of animal life for food purposes. Accordingly the party will carry rations sufficient for the entire trip which is expected to take two months.

COAL OPERATORS CONSIDER NEW PACT

Present Wage Agreement Expires April 1.

Cleveland, Dec. 31— Whether they will renew the general wage agreement with the United Mine Workers of America, which expires April 1, or follow the example of two other organizations of coal operators was under consideration by members of the Pittsburgh Vein Operators association in annual meeting here today.

The Pittsburgh Vein Operators association is comprised with mines in eastern Ohio and is one of the groups in what is known as the central competitive field, comprising Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, Illinois and Indiana. Officers refused to forecast what action might be taken.

REFUSE CONFERENCE.

Two organizations— the Southern Ohio Coal operators' association and the Pittsburgh Coal Producers' association—have turned down the request of John L. Lewis, president of the miners, for a conference in Pittsburgh next week for the purpose of setting a date for the meeting to renew the general agreement of the central field.

TO NEGOTIATE NEW SCALE.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 31 — State miners' headquarters here announced that John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, in a long distance telephone conversation, said Indiana and Illinois operators have informed him they will meet with the mine workers in negotiating a new wage scale.

Southern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania operators have refused to attend such a conference.

G. W. Savage, secretary of the Ohio miners, asserted today that union headquarters had received information indicating eastern Ohio operators, meeting today at Cleveland, might also agree to the conference.

63 LYNCHED IN U. S. IN 1921

New York, Dec. 31 — Sixty-three persons were lynched in the United States this year as compared with 65, in 1920, according to a statement issued today by the Association for the Advancement of colored people.

Six were publicly burned alive; five were burned after death; two lynching victims were women—one in Georgia and the other in Mississippi—and six victims of mobs were white men, the statement said.

It attributed 13 lynchings each to Georgia and Mississippi; six each to Texas and Arkansas; five each to Florida, Louisiana and South Carolina; four to North Carolina; two to Alabama and one each to Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia.

Murder was assigned as the cause for 18 of the reported lynchings and 19 were attributed to alleged assaults on women.

WASHINGTON NOTES

Washington—Considerable increase in the foreign trade of soviet Russia was reported by the commerce department.

The question of leaving a small representation of American soldiers indefinitely with the allied armies of occupation in Germany has not been decided, it was said at the White House.

President Harding granted a pardon to J. Herman Dierks, Cincinnati banker, convicted under the espionage act during the war.

Allied Bankers Agree on Consortium Draft

Will Present Proposition to Allied Supreme Council at Cannes—Austria to Be First Beneficiary.

[By the Associated Press]

Paris, Dec. 31.—The economic conference of allied bankers and manufacturing interests, which has been considering measures for re-establishing the international credit of Europe, agreed today on the draft of a project for an international consortium which will be submitted to the allied supreme council at Cannes. A representative of Japan today joined the British, French, Italian and Belgian delegations in the conference.

MODIFIED IN TALKS.

The project, as it has previously been drawn up in London, was somewhat modified in the talks that have occurred between the British and French interests here. It is based partially on the international credit scheme of Dr. J. Ter-Meulen, the Dutch economist, which was approved by the financial conference at Brussels last year.

UPBUILD UTILITIES.

The idea is first to upbuild the public utilities, railways and kindred agencies in countries where economic stagnation is due to lack of transportation. The assets of the countries thus aided will as provided for in the Ter-Meulen scheme be pledged as security for the loans involved in cases where the consortium has not given a concession for operation.

AUSTRIA FIRST BENEFICIARY.

Austria, which is regarded by the conference as in the direct need, is expected to be the first beneficiary in the working out of the scheme, with the hope that her recovery will contribute to the improvement of the situation generally, and particularly to that in the smaller states of Central Europe.

TO FIX CAPITAL.

The capital of the consortium will be fixed only after the council at Cannes has passed on the scheme. Sums varying from 5,000,000 pounds to 20,000,000 pounds are talked of. It is pointed out, however, that the amount of the capital is an immaterial factor, as the consortium itself plans to find funds outside its own capital, acting in most cases merely as a clearinghouse for the credits necessary to obtain the object in view.

$1,500,000 BOND ROBBERY DISCLOSED

New York, Dec. 31.—A mail theft of $1,500,000 in bonds on July 18, 1921, became known today with the arrest of Mrs. Abe Attell, divorced wife of the former pugilist, Sam Gold and Harry Cohen, by postoffice inspectors and members of the police bomb squad.

TURKS CARRY OFF AMERICAN TEACHERS

[By the Associated Press]

Athens, Dec. 31.—Several American professors of the orphanage at Derindja some miles from Constantinople are declared by the Armenian newspaper Yarguir of Constantinople, to have been carried off by the Turkish nationalist, a Constantinople dispatch says.

The fate of the deported Americans, the newspaper adds, is not known.

MANY CATTLE AND HORSES DIE IN FIRE

Dixon, Ill., Dec. 31.—Twenty head of pure bred Holstein cattle and six horses perished in a fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, which destroyed barns, machine shed and corn cribs on the W. A. Underwood farm near here last night. A high wind fanned the blaze so fiercely that the fire had consumed everything in less than an hour. The loss is approximately $15,000. One year ago Tuesday night a large barn on the same farm burned, several head of stock perishing.

DRY AGENTS GRAB LIQUOR SCHOONER

Washington, Dec. 31 — Seizure of the British schooner Messenger of Peace, with a cargo of liquor off the North Carolina coast, was reported to Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Clifford today by the coast guard station at Elizabeth City, N. C.

SMALL ATTACKS TWO NEWSPAPERS

Calls Them "Sneaking Character Assassins."

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 31.—Two Chicago newspapers "The Traction" and the "Great Financial Interest of Chicago," were named "sneaking character assassins" by Governor Small this afternoon in a statement issued in response to query regarding the prospect of indictments on alleged new evidence.

"The latest rumored move," the statement said, "is simply more evidence of the conspiracy between The Tribune and The Daily News, The Traction and The Great Financial Interests of Chicago, whose orders I will not take and Mr. Brundage whose hatred I incurred when I refused to permit him to take $1,500,000 from the pockets of Illinois taxpayers for the upkeep of his powerful political machine."

ANSWERS QUESTION.

The statement was issued in answer to questions by newspaper men.

The statements follow:

"I will be surprised at nothing the contemptible, cowardly, sneaking Character assassins, who know there is not a word of truth in their charges, do.

"They secured my indictment in Springfield six months ago. They issued a long statement, summing up alleged evidence heard by the grand jury, which they said convicted me of embezzlement, and they hurled the charge the land over in the most vicious propaganda the political world of America has ever witnessed.

DENIED OPPORTUNITY.

"They finally found themselves in the Lake county circuit court. That court told them that the charge of embezzlement was a grave matter, and that they must go to trial on it. The vicious charges of last July then became only foul mouthings, and faced with the necessity, through the courts order of trial at once. Just as viciously as they had accused in Sangamon county, they refused me even the opportunity of proving to the world that I was absolutely innocent.

"They know they will never prove a single charge that they have so long mouthed.

TO CONTROL LEGISLATURE.

"But their real purpose is a conspiracy to gain control of the state legislature. My defamers have boasted that they would keep me in court until after the very important approaching primaries. They purpose to becloud the issues that they may steal the nomination of enough members of Illinois legislature to prevent the passage of the very important legislation in the interest of the people.

The following are extracts from the article mentioned by Governor Small published in The Chicago Tribune Saturday morning:

The bill of particulars promised by State's Attorney Mortimer of Sangamon county in the case against Gov. Len Small may surprise the defense

Those in a position to know their subject, said yesterday that this summary of what the state is prepared to prove will tell the public much more of the inside story of the case than has been disclosed all during the six months since the investigation at Springfield was begun.

GIVE SPECIFIC DATA.

It is understood the 1 'l will recite dates, places, names, and amounts of some of the transactions connected with the maneuvers which resulted in the investment of $10,000,000 of state money in packers' notes, the payment of approximately 8 per cent interest on those notes to some of the alleged conspirators and the amounts of interest shown by the records as reaching the state treasury in connection with those transactions.

Week's Weather.

Washington, Dec. 31. — Weather predictions for the week, beginning Monday include:

Region of the Great Lakes: Considerable cloudiness and occasional snows; temperature near normal.

Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri valleys: Generally fair except for rains or snows over southern, and snows over northern parts about Tuesday; temperature near normal.

The Weather



Chicago, Dec. 31.—Following are weather indications for Illinois:

Fair tonight and Sunday; colder tonight.

LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.

Following is the range of temperature as recorded by Prof. J. H. Coonradt, United States weather observer:

7 p. m. Friday	36
Highest Friday	43
7 a. m. Saturday	32
Noon Saturday	34
Lowest Saturday	32
Sun rises (Standard time)	7:24
Sun sets	4:52

WEATHER MAP.

Chicago, Dec. 31—The weather map at 8 a. m. showed:

Canadian Northwest—4 to 8 above; generally clear; Regina .14; Swift Current .04.

Northwest—2 to 22; generally clear; Bismarck .08; Moorhead .12; Williston .12; Duluth .10; St. Paul trace.

West—20 to 36; clear.

Southwest—28 to 48; clear.

Ohio Valley—38 to 40; clear.

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on the FARM

WHAT SHALL WE GROW IN PLACE OF CORN?

Clover and Soy Beans And Spring Wheat Are All Good, Frank Mann Says.

Frank I. Mann, associate editor of the Prairie Farmer, says:

We should reduce corn acreage next year because—

1. There is a great world surplus of corn, and until we reduce production to fit the demand corn will not sell at a profitable price.

2. The greatest national asset is soil fertility. A bushel of corn at present prices is worth less than the value of the fertility it removes from the soil. To continue to grow an excessive amount of corn under these conditions is a foolish waste of plant food. By growing less corn and more clover, we are reducing the amount of corn when it is not needed and storing up fertility that will make it possible to grow larger crops later when it will be needed.

3. The farmer must produce economically next year. His largest costs are for man and horse labor. By growing a variety of crops he can distribute his labor better and cut down his labor costs.

WHAT SHALL WE GROW.

What shall we grow in place of corn?

1. Grass.

There is much rolling land now in crops that would be more profitable in grass. The same thing is true of much of the more level land that has been cropped heavily and needs a rest. Such land properly seeded will make a good deal of feed the first year.

Sow a mixture of red and alsike clover and timothy, with a little bluegrass and sweet clover added if desired. If a heavy seeding is made without a nurse crop, after the first crop of weeds has been killed by disking, there should be enough growth by midsummer to make considerable feed. If the stock is taken off by the end of September, the pasture will be in excellent condition for heavy grazing the following season. In the corn belt the bluegrass will cover the ground before the alsike and timothy have ceased to make good pasture.

TRY SOYBEANS

2. Soybeans.

Soybeans should be grown more extensively, especially by livestock and dairy farmers. Soys can be used for hay, forage, silage grain and seed, and there is promise of commercial outlets at a good price.

Soys are easily grown and harvested. Most of the work comes when other work is not pressing. They are grown alone or with corn, according to the way they are to be used. Soybean seed is abundant and cheap this year.

3. Clover.

Certain benefits can be secured from the deep rooting clovers which cannot be secured from any other crop; and any rotation used should provide for a liberal acreage of clovers, for the sake of the livestock, the soil and for the following crops. In any system of farming and on any type of soil it will be found profitable to seed a large portion of the farm to clovers each year. Clovers may be seeded with or without a nurse crop. A 10-pound per acre mixed clover seeding in the spring without a grain crop should give a good crop of hay early enough to permit of a good late growth for winter, or it might be used for pasturing quite early in the summer.

SPRING WHEAT PAYS, IF—

4. Spring wheat.

A crop which can be used to some extent in place of corn or oats, and as a nurse crop for clover, is spring wheat. Most of those who have grown spring wheat in the corn belt the last few years are well pleased with the results, when essential conditions have been observed. While it is possible there may be an overproduction of wheat within a few years, it is not likely, in view of the universal use of wheat and its high value as human food. Wheat is a better balanced food than corn and is likely to meet a better demand than corn under a heavy production.

SOW IT EARLY.

An essential requirement in growing spring wheat is to get it sown early. It is well understood that winter wheat does not produce much grain if sown in the spring, as it must go through a winter resting period in the ground. Spring wheat evidently is related to winter wheat and it does not forget the relationship; as it too, must pass a part of the dormant stage in the ground, for it to give the best results. If not sown before the growing season arrives it will not do its best in producing grain.

Spring wheat may be sown any time after the middle of January with but little risk, when the ground will permit the seed to be covered. It may be drilled or it may be broadcasted and covered by disking—any method of seeding may be used which will give an even distribution of the seed and get it covered with earth. If not covered the later freezing and thawing likely will kill the seed; but if well covered the freezing and thawing does not injure it. As spring wheat is not likely to stool so much as winter wheat it is better to sow it a little thicker—six to seven pecks per acre of good seed.

SOW IN STALK FIELDS.

Spring wheat may be sown in stalk fields without plowing or any previous preparation, and on good corn land it will probably yield better than if the ground was plowed. Plowing increases the liberation of nitrogen, and wheat is very sensitive to excessive nitrogen, which may cause too much straw and too little grain. If one is planning to sow spring wheat it will be a good plan to have the seed on hand and have the tools all ready, so that when the first day comes after the holidays that a disk will run in the field, he can get busy sowing wheat. None should be left uncovered at night as it may not be possible to work the next day. Last winter there was but one day in February when it was possible to sow wheat, but by having everything ready we were able to sow 20 acres, and it yielded considerably more than the wheat sown later.

MORE CHAMPS



"Jap Silky" is a proud chicken But not half as proud as its owner, little Miss Florence Holcker, aged two years. "Jap Silky" carried off first prize at the Englewood, N. J., show of "barnyard pets."

BRED SOW SHOW AT FARM BUREAU

Gilts Also to Appear in January Event.

A show of bred sows and gilts will be conducted by the Macon County Livestock Breeders' association in the farm bureau building on Wednesday, Jan. 4, beginning promptly at 9.30 a. m.

Professor J B Rice of the Department of Animal Husbandry of the University of Illinois will judge the hogs and give instruction in judging. Poland-Chinas, Durocs, and Chester Whites will show in separate classes. All breeders are invited to come, and boys who are interested in hog judging can get much information concerning breed characteristics and types from Professor Rice

JOINT MEETING OF MACON SHIPPERS

Friday, Jan. 13, is the date set for the annual meeting of the nine shipping associations of Macon county. The meeting will take place at the farm bureau in this city, at 10 o'clock, a m.

Each association will hold its business meeting alone in the morning, and in the afternoon a joint meeting of the associations will be held, in which matters of common interest will be discussed.

C. A. Stewart of the Livestock Marketing department of the Illinois Agricultural association will be the speaker at the afternoon session.

AUTO CARAVANS TO I. A. A. MEET

Expect Big Attendance in Springfield.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Reservations for headquarters at Springfield during the annual meeting of the Illinois Agricultural Association, Jan. 11-12, have already been received by the farmers' state organization from twenty county farm bureaus.

Auto caravans from some counties near Springfield have been planned if weather conditions permit. An attendance of 2,000 is predicted.

The counties from which reservations already have been received are: Henry, Woodford, Iroquois, Shelby, Effingham, LaSalle, Coles, Jo Daviess, Montgomery, Cass, Piatt, Lee, Jersey, Fulton, St. Clair, Hancock, Ogle, Knox, Bond, Sangamon.

THE ADVANTAGE OF SHIPPING ASS'N.

E. T. Robbins, in Dewitt County Farm Bureau News: Bernard Jenkins of Clinton told me the other day that on Dec. 8, when he brought in a veal calf, he offered to sell it to local buyers for $15 but they would not pay that much for it. It was put in a car with a co-operative shipment which was sent by Manager Robert E. Wade to Chicago for the Clinton Shipping Association. In a few days Mr. Jenkins received a check for $19.45, which was the net proceeds from this one calf. His gain through the Shipping Association was at least $4.45 or 30 per cent. Is it any wonder that the Shipping Association gains new business right along?

WOMAN HAS RECORD AS OATS PRODUCER

A real dirt farmer is Mrs. Sidney Sharpe of Porum, Okla., who has been designated the champion producer of oats in eastern Oklahoma this year. Her farm lands yielded 70 bushels to the acre on an average, whereas many other farmers in the neighborhood produced but 25 to 30 bushels.

Mrs. Sharpe is the largest woman land-owner in Muskogee county. She holds title to 800 acres, 500 of which were in cultivation last year, and ran three tractors.

Mrs. Sharpe is a student of diversified farming. Although her land is located in a rich cotton country, she devotes but a reasonable acreage to that staple. In addition to raising oats and wheat, she produces corn, kaffir, sorgum and other feed crops.

THE TROUBLE WITH THE HENS.

The poultry editor of a county paper received this letter from a poetical summer cottager:

Dear Editor: What shall I do? Each morning when I visit my hen-house I find two or three fowls on their backs, their feet sticking straight up and their souls wandering through fields Elysian. What is the matter?

The prosaic editor replied by return mail:

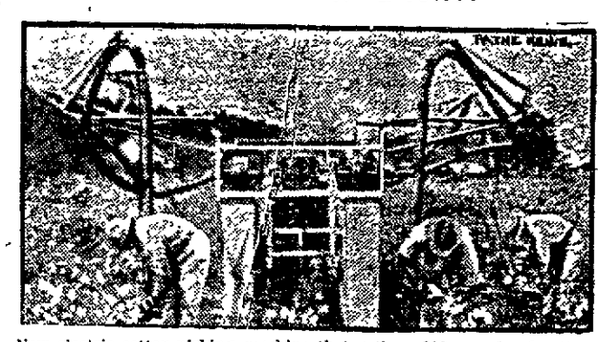
Dear Friend: The principal trouble with your hens seems to be that they are dead. There isn't much that you can do, as they will probably be that way for some time.

Yrs resptfly.

A TIMELY SONG.

In the shade of the old apple tree,
Where the snow and the rain blow so free,
Is no place to store the binder and mower
And implements there that you see,
For the rust and the rot you'll agree,
Are worse than hard usage would be,
And the paint that they wore, is a shade, nothing more—
Just the shade of the old apple tree.

Electric Cotton Picker



New electric cotton-picking machine that gathers 800 pounds of cotton a day, in action at Little Rock, Ark.

PACKING INDUSTRY ON NORMAL BASIS

Liquidated and Operating Costs Reduced.

By L. D. H. Weld.

Manager Commercial Research Department Swift & Co.

The livestock and meat situation during the past year has not been one to cause happiness either to farmers or to the packing industry. It is true that prices of live animals have returned to practically pre-war levels, but this has apparently discouraged cattle production, for the number of cattle sent to market was over 10 per cent smaller than during the previous year. Receipts of hogs have been about the same. The sheep marketings were a little larger but the stock of sheep on farms has probably suffered in consequence.

PACKERS WERE HARD HIT

As for the packing industry, this industry has been going through a most trying period during the past two years. Values of the packers' products have constantly fallen, and large inventory losses have been inevitable. There has not only been a drop in wholesale meat values, which has been pronounced, but a most serious decline in values of by-products.

The industry has recently begun to right itself. Operating costs, which had risen to a very high point, began to drop in 1921, owing to a wage reduction in the spring and to increased efficiency on the part of labor. The price of supplies also fell.

APPROACHING A NORMAL BASIS

With these reductions in operating costs and with inventory values rigidly marked down, the packing industry now appears to be in position to go ahead on a stable and fairly normal basis. This industry is one that cannot close down during hard times, because it must keep on supplying the public with one of the principal necessaries of life and because there is a constant flow of raw material in the shape of live animals, which must be taken care of. For this reason the packing industry usually does not suffer so much as other industries during periods of depression, but the most phenomenal drop in inventory values that was ever experienced naturally made the situation more difficult than it otherwise would have been.

ANNUAL MEETING OF FARM BUREAU

To Be Held Friday, January 27th.

President J. H. Beckett of the Macon County Farm Bureau has appointed committees on nominations and resolutions, which are to report at the fourth annual meeting of the bureau, to be held at the farm bureau in this city Friday, Jan. 27. The committees are:

Nominations: Charles E. Vulgamott, chairman; Howard A. Peverly, W. J. Hawley, H. O. Bruce and William Schuyler.

Resolutions: John A. Record, chairman; P. E. Gerber and Homer Cloney.

SUGGESTIONS INVITED.

Members having suggestions for either officers or resolutions are urged to place them with some member of the respective committtes—the first before Jan. 20, and the second before Jan. 21.

The business meeting will begin at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. Reports of officers and of the county agent for the year 1921 will be heard at that time and the committee on resolutions will report.

In the afternoon session Prof. W. F. Handschin of the U. of I. and A. C. Eberingham, president of the Crawford County Farm Bureau will speak and officers will be elected.

GREAT APPLE STOCK STORED IN NEOGA

Local Crop and Western Shipments Fill Plant.

Neoga, Dec. 31.—The Watson Storage and Ice plant of Neoga, which attracted considerable attention from outside because of the outside capital invested, has done a big business this year.

It was supposed by many that this large plant would be little used this winter because the crop of apples raised here this year was light. This is, however, not the case and the immense structure with the capacity of half a million bushels is fuller than ever before, being now filled to capacity and having an overflow that had to be provided for by the purchase of the old cold storage building east of the Watson plant. To this building were carried the potatoes that had been stored in the big plant, in order to make room for the apples in the main building.

FROM OTHER ORCHARDS.

Not only apples raised around Neoga were stored in the plant this year but apples were brought here from the Watson orchards at Effingham, Watson, Robinson and other places. The handling of all these apples has meant and will still mean much work for Neoga men and insures a regular payroll for several employes.

The Watson Orchard company sells apples any place in the United States where there is a demand for the fruit and when it was seen that this year's crop would not fill the big plant, instead of letting it remain idle arrangements were made for shipping in apples from other places.

SHIPPED FROM WEST.

One hundred fifty-seven carloads of western apples are cared for there, the freight alone on these apples from the famous western districts amounting to $600 per car. These apples are in boxes and there are now approximately 119,000 of these boxes in this storage. These apples are destined to be marketed farther east.

The big storage plant makes it possible for Neoga to have ice at all times for this ice is necessary for the cold storage and ice is also provided for Neoga. The plant will manufacturer and store several thousand tons of ice this winter in readiness for use when the demand comes. The storing will begin about Jan. 1.

Much money has been put into circulation in Neoga by this business.

Handsomest Horse In The World



Athenian, a race horse from Ireland, is considered to have the handsomest head of any horse in the world. Miss Stella Mynors, well-known sporting artist in Europe, is painting his portrait.

WHITE PLAGUE GETS VANDALIA YOUTH

Vandalia, Dec. 31.—Fred Bradley, aged 21 years, died Wednesday night at his home in this city after a lingering illness with consumption. He leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Bradley, two sisters, Misses Flossie and Madelaine and one brother, Ohmer. Funeral services will be held from the home Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Mr. Rugh.

MASQUERADE.

The fireman's annual masquerade was held Thursday night at the Armory Hall and was largely attended. The receipts, amounting to over $100, will be turned into the treasury of the fire department.

Verne Deverick, whose home is in Hagerstown, but who has been employed in the Vandalia Union office, went to Pana Friday and on Saturday was operated upon for appendicitis. He was accompanied by his father and Dr. Stanberry, went up Saturday morning to be there during the operation.

A fine boy was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Easly.

Harry Walter and his bride of a week, were here a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C Walters, returned to their home in Chicago, Thursday. Harry was married to Miss Elsinger in Chicago last week. They will reside there.



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Dr. Oneal has been making regular visits to Decatur for about five years and has been treating patients all over Central Illinois for about twenty years. He now asks his patients and friends to send word to everybody of this visit. Give them a chance to call and get Dr. Oneal's opinion about their case. All of Dr. Oneal's patients know that he does not treat any cases unless he feels sure he can help them. He tells you frankly the truth as near as he can, and gives you one treatment free to prove what he says. During his visits here he has successfully treated very bad cases of failing eyesight, inflammation, granulated lids, scums, ulcers and growths on the eyes, floating spots, etc. He has restored hearing to many who were deaf, and relieved them of catarrh and head noises. He removes adenoids in children and straightens cross-eyes in one visit without pain or danger. Every case of catarrh is curable if properly treated, both locally and constitutionally. Medicine must be taken internally to get it out of the system. Catarrh often causes stomach troubles, rheumatism, neuralgia, polypus, tumors in nose and throat, diseased tonsils and many other diseased conditions. If one has catarrh he is always taking cold easily, and if you are deaf or hard of hearing you are worse when you have a cold, and it leaves you worse afterwards. Most cases of diseased and enlarged tonsils can be successfully treated by Dr. Oneal's non-surgical method. Do not have your nose or throat operated on without seeing Dr. Oneal first. An operation may not be necessary.

Mrs. D. R. Beckman of Newman, Ill., cured of head noises, deafness, severe pains and headaches.

Many people do not realize that Dr. Oneal can straighten cross eyes in two or three minutes without pain. If you doubt this you can see or write to Mrs. Hexamer, Secor, Ill., and others.

Six-Year-Old Boy's Eyes Straightened.

Dr. Oneal: You remember we had our boy, Byron, at your office, August 2nd, 1920, to have his eyes straightened. They are in fine shape, and we surely are thankful we learned to know of you and your ability.

Rev. O. P. Haines.
Formerly of Cerro Gordo, Ill

His Deafness Cured.

Flanagan, Ill., Feb. 21, 1921.

Dear Dr. Oneal:

I received your letter in which you requested me to write a few words regarding the results I got from the treatment you gave me. I will be glad to send you a few words which are as follows:

I was afflicted with head noises and almost deaf. In one ear I could not hear anything at all. I consulted several doctors but none seemed to help me. I heard about Dr. Oneal and one of my friends was cured so I tried a treatment and was cured. I can hear as good as ever now and have had no head noises since.

Yours truly,
HENRY ACKERMAN.

P. S.—My address has been changed from Chenoa, Ill., to Flanagan, Ill.

Dr. Oneal invites everyone suffering with any eye or ear trouble to call on him at the Orlando Hotel for a free examination, and if he thinks he can help you he will give you one treatment free of charge to show you what it is like—how it may help you. You will be under no obligation to continue the treatment nor to pay any money unless you wish to do so. Many cases obtain immediate relief with Dr. Oneal's treatment. Take the elevator or stairway to Dr. Oneal's rooms on second floor at the Orlando Hotel. For further information address Dr. Oren Oneal, 177 North State St., Chicago.

DEWITT FARMERS TO GROW LEGUMES

Large Acreage to Such Crops in 1922.

Clinton, Dec. 31.—Representatives of the Dewitt county farm bureau estimate that in excess of twenty-five percent of the cultivated land of Dewitt county will be sown to clover, soy beans and other legumes.

A resolution was passed by the bureau several weeks ago, endorsing this move for the 1922 season, the action being taken on account of the sad experience of farmers who raised bumper crops of corn which is now rotting in the bins.

It is hoped by agriculturists that this plan not only will place corn prices back where the crop may be grown with profit, but in addition, will give corn belt land a much needed rest.

WHEAT NOT HURT BY SLEET.

In response to numerous inquiries, Farm Adviser E. T. Robbins has stated that Dewitt county wheat did not suffer during the sleet storm. Mr. Robbins made inspection in various parts of the county and found that the coating of ice was not air tight and that there were plenty of breathing holes for the plants.

While each spear of wheat was coated with ice, the crowns usually were found to be free to such an extent as permitted the plants to breathe.

BLUE MOUND FARM YIELDS GOOD CROP

Hans Hansen, who is farming the W. H. Owen farm west of Blue Mound, had a good corn crop this year. On a total of 106 acres the average yield was 58 bushels to the acre. He had one field of nineteen acres which averaged 70 bushels. That same field in 1920 made 103 bushels.

THIS AND THAT

"Keep a stiff upper lip! Keenness of mind, bigness of heart and stiffness of spine have pulled a fellow through many a tight place," remarks Farm Adviser J. W. Watson in his Piatt County Farm Bureau News.

Clover seed is not as plentiful as last season. Anticipate your needs and buy your seed early. It very seldom falls that the early purchased seed is the cheapest.

Lamb feeding for the winter season will be about forty-five per cent less than last year. This should mean shortage and at least maintenance of current prices, which are profitable to the feeder.

Corn burning meets with few advocates. A short crop next year, always possible, would cause those resorting to that method of getting rid of the present surplus to nurse red-eyed regret.

Exports of live cattle for the first ten months of 1921 were 172,716 head, of which Mexico took a large percentage. We also exported 112,000 sheep. This trade developed at a moment when both markets needed support, and was of value, but, so far as Europe is concerned, the outlet is anything but reliable.

Only 378,322,000 pounds of bacon were exported during the first ten months of the current year, compared with 509,959,000 pounds last year and 1,006,000 pounds in 1919. These figures furnish one reason for the decline in hog values, as export demand is largely responsible for determining prices in that sphere of trade.

Surplus corn might be economically converted into alcohol at local plants, enabling the farmers of the Mississippi Valley to save enormous annual expenditure for gasoline. This in turn would hold down cost of that fuel to other uses. The idea may be practical and is at least worth consideration.

The Tazewell county (Ill.) Farm Bureau recommends the following scale of farm wages for 1922: Married men, $35 to $40, single men $30 to $35.

PIATT CO. FARMERS' INSTITUTE PROGRAM

Monticello, Dec. 31—The Piatt county farmers' institute will be held in the town hall at Mansfield, Thursday and Friday, January 12 and 13. Election of officers will take place Friday afternoon. William Farthing, R. E. Howe and Charles Slater, all of Mansfield, are president, secretary and treasurer, respectively. The program is as follows:

THURSDAY, JAN. 12.

1:30 P. M.— Invocation— Rev. J. E. Evans.
Music—J. O. Bateman and Miss Tessie Bateman.
Address— Farm Advisor Watson, Monticello, Ill.
Discussion.
Music—Piano Solo—Miss Mae Warren.
Address—"Soils"—Dr. F. C. Bauer, U. of I.
Appointment of Committees.

THURSDAY EVENING.

7:00 —Music—Lindsey Chapel Quartette.
Address—"U. S. Grain Growers"—M. S. Odele, Cheneyville, Ill.
Music—Quartette.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

1:30—Invocation—Rev. J. C. Lightcap
Music—Mansfield Quartette.
Address—"Marketing Livestock"—J. G. Imboden, Decatur, Ill.
Discussion.
Music—Community High School Quartette.
Address—"Soy Beans"—W. E. Riegel, Tolono, Ill.
Discussion.
Election of Officers.

FRIDAY EVENING.

7.00—Music—Ladies Quartette.
Address—Mrs. Lena S. Mann, Gilman, Ill.
Reading—Miss Alice Rock.
Address— "Organization"— F. H. Thompson, Quincy, Ill.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE DEPT.

The program of the Domestic Science department, of which Mrs. Pauline Vaughn is president, will be held in the Methodist church. The program is as follows:

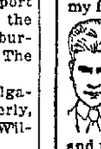
THURSDAY, JAN. 12.

1:30 P. M.—Invocation—Mrs. Stevenson.
Music—Ladies Quartette.
Address—"Child Welfare"—Mrs. L. M. Feartherson.
Music—Ladies Quartette.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1.30—Invocation—Mrs. J. E. Evans.
Song—Audience.
Address— "Woman's Problems" — Mrs. Lena S. Mann, Gilman, Ill.
Music—Ladies Quartette.
Reading—Alice Rock.

Mr. Arthur Moore Tells How Cuticura Healed Pimples



"I had pimples scattered all over my face. They were hard and red, and later festered and scaled over. They itched and burned and disfigured my face, besides being painful. I tried other remedies without success. Then I tried Cuticura Soap and Ointment and used one cake of Cuticura Soap and two boxes of Cuticura Ointment and I was healed in two weeks." (Signed) Arthur A. Moore, Oak Ridge, Mo.

Once clear keep your skin clear by using Cuticura Soap and Ointment for every-day toilet purposes and Cuticura Talcum to powder and perfume. Bathe with Cuticura Soap and hot water. Before bathing, touch pimples and itching, if any, with Cuticura Ointment, dry and dust lightly with Cuticura Talcum, a powder of fascinating fragrance.

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Tax Rate of $8.18⅔ Higher Than Ever Before

Increase of Forty Cents Over Last Year—City Gets Only Three Cents.

The tax rate in the city of Decatur this year is $8.18 2-3 on the 100 assessed valuation, according to figures compiled by County Clerk C. H. Patterson Friday afternoon. This is forty cents on the 100 higher than last year and is the highest the taxes have ever been.

NEED MORE MONEY.

A number of the taxing bodies require more money the ensuing year and for that reason the rate had to be increased to raise sufficient funds to meet the increased running expenses of the city, county, state and sanitary district. Of the forty cents increase over last year, the city gets only three cents on the 100 valuation. That three cents will be applied to the water impounding expenses. The increase of five cents in the state tax is not believed to be enough. There will probably be a deficit that will have to be made up next year. The sanitary district rate is fourteen cents higher than last year.

70 CENTS FOR COUNTY.

The increase of twenty cents to the county rate brings the rate this year up to seventy cents, the highest ever known. This is made necessary by the recent law that requires counties to patrol and maintain state-aid roads. The only decrease is in the township rate, which is two cents less than last year.

As usual, the school tax is much higher than any other rate, but there is no increase over last year.

ITEMS TO MAKE UP TOTAL.

The various items that go to make up the total tax rate are as follows:

	1922	1921
State tax	$ .45	$ .40
County tax	.70	.50
Township	.09	.11
Road and bridge	.60	.66
School	2.66 2-3	2.66 2-3
Sanitary district	1.14	1.60
Tuberculosis Sanatorium	.20	.20
City tax	2.28	2.25
Total	$8.18 1-3	$7.78 2-3

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS DECISION

Puts O. K. on Road Plans At Monticello.

Monticello, Dec. 31.—The Illinois supreme court has rendered a decision upholding the verdict of the jury in the Piatt county court, in the matter of the Department of Public Works and Buildings against Laura May Caldwell and Grace Caldwell, and permitting the proposed road to be opened through the property of the defendants.

In a hearing before Judge Voss a jury had awarded the defendants judgment in the sum of $3,536 for damages to land taken by the state in building the state aid road, route No. 10, over and across their lands.

MONEY AWAITING THEM.

The money was paid into the county treasury immediately following the verdict of the jury, and ever since has been awaiting the defendants. The money for the building of the road through this and other lands in Sangamon township was raised by donations by public spirited citizens of that township.

In the hearing the state was represented by F. M. Shonkwiler of this city, and Herrick and Herrick of Famer City represented the defendants, Laura May and Grace Caldwell, who took the appeal.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

LOOKING FOR EXCITEMENT

By ALLMAN



ARGENTA WOMAN DIES AT AGE OF 85

Mrs. Rebecca Coulter Victim of Heart Failure.

Argenta, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Rebecca Coulter, a resident of Argenta the last thirty-five years, died at her home here Friday, at the age of 85 years, seven months and four days. Death was due to heart trouble, though Mrs. Coulter had been confined to her bed since Dec. 13, with a fractured hip, due to a fall.

Mrs. Coulter was born May 26, 1836, in Ohio. In the spring of 1854 she came to Illinois and until her removal to Argenta thirty-five years ago, lived on a farm 5½ miles northeast of this place. She was a member of the Christian church nearly all of her life, having united with it in her young girlhood.

Mrs. Coulter's husband, William Coulter, died Sept. 5, 1893. She is survived by five daughters, seven grandchildren and twenty-five great grandchildren. The daughters are Mrs. Melissa Duncan, Mrs. Retta McGinnis and Mrs. Blanch Shuey of Argenta, Mrs. Bear of California and Mrs. Ora Spear of Arizona.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral will be held at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. E. E. Welton of Urbana. The burial will be in Friend's Creek cemetery.

BEMENT.

Ross Taylor left Thursday night for Menominee, Mich., after visiting his mother, Mrs. J. H. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd O. Davidson and daughter, Marjorie of Hixson, Wis., were guests Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Power.

Mrs. C. W. Higgins of Strasburg visited her sister, Mrs. Jane Schadow, Thursday and Friday.

Emmett Foran of Chicago was here Thursday.

Richard Bradley visited friends in Danville Thursday.

Mrs. Compton, who has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. E. H. Camp, returned to her home in Fairbury, Friday.

Miss Rose Gordon of Chicago is visiting her mother, Mrs. Anna Gordon.

Mrs. W. C. Cloyd and daughter Helen returned to their home in Elgin, Friday.

Mrs. H. C. Johnson and daughter Margaret returned to their home in Lexington, Ind., Friday night. They have been visiting at W. G. Cloyd's.

Mrs. B. C. Dyarman was hostess to the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church Friday afternoon.

Miss Helen Covey of Kansas is visiting her sister, Mrs. P. R. Lane.

Mrs. Zelma Webb Ashby of Bement and E. E. Simmons of Moberly, Mo., were married in Moberly Dec. 24.

The meeting of the Men's Forward Movement has been postponed from Jan. 2 to Jan. 9.

W. G. Cloyd and R. M. Fleming attended court in Monticello Friday.

CANAL TO CONNECT GERMAN RIVERS

To Be 3,437 Kilometers in Length.

[By the Associated Press]

Munich, Germany, Dec. 31—A corporation with an initial capital of 1,200,000,000 marks has been organized for the construction of a canal connecting the Rhine, the Main and the Danube, the biggest waterway project ever undertaken in Europe, which will require 20 years for completion.

The executive board consists of 61 members, 11 of whom will represent the central government and eight the Bavarian Government. Twenty-two shares are to be taken by industrial, shipping and banking circles in Germany.

BEGINS IMMEDIATILY.

Part of the canal, work on which will begin Jan. 1, will be built across a 1,200 foot elevation, requiring 60 locks over a stretch of seven hundred kilometers. Forty power plants, capable of developing 400,000 horse power, are to be erected, designed to furnish 2,500,000,000 kilowats of power per hour, at an estimated saving of 3,000,000 marks worth of coal every year.

3,437 KILOMETERS LONG.

The total length of the water-way to be created will be 3,437 kilometers and will be able to accommodate 1,500 ton ships. The canal is designed as a thoroughfare between the North and Black seas with continental connections which its promoters believe will make it of inestimable value to foreign as well as domestic shipping.

11 INJURED IN MEXICAN FIGHT

[By the Associated Press]

Mexico City, Dec. 31.—Eleven persons were injured in the fighting near the Chamber of Deputies yesterday in connection with the election of a permanent commission to legislate during the congressional recess. Two clashes occurred between sympathizers of the Social Democratic bloc, which gained control of the commission, and those of the Liberal Constitutionalist party.

MAROA GIRL ENTERS NURSES' TRAINING

Maroa, Dec. 31.—Misses Bessie and Beatrice Miller left Friday for Chicago, where the latter will enter the Cook County hospital and take a course to fit herself for a trained nurse. Miss Bessie will visit relatives there for a few days.

Robert Mayall arrived here Friday from Duluth, Minn., and is visiting with his sister, Mrs. Wray Crammer. Mr. Mayall is an attorney at Duluth. He will leave next week for Oklahoma, where he will visit with his parents, and other relatives. His mother, who has been here for several months, will return home with him.

W. M. Chandler returned Saturday from Salem, Ill., where he has been for several months working at the carpenter trade. He says building operation has been quite brisk there during the last year. Mr. Chandler's mother resides at Salem.

IN MOTHER'S HONOR.

Mrs. Wray Cramer entertained at dinner Wednesday in honor of her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Mayall, the following guests, all neighbors on the farm when Mrs. Mayall and her family lived northeast of Maroa:

Mrs. Lizzie Miller, Mrs. Minnie Cramer, Mrs. H. P. Gray and Mrs. T. C. Grady.

Mrs. Effie Moore, wife of J. E. Moore, west of the city was taken to St. Mary's hospital Thursday, where she submitted to an operation. Mrs. Moore has been in a serious condition the last ten days.

Mrs. Mattie Lovett of Mitchell, S. D., is here visiting her father, C. W. Gardner.

Mrs. B. F. Shipley and daughter, Lucile, have returned home from Hindsboro, where they spent Christmas.

ONLY LICENSED LADY SHIP'S PILOT DIES

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Nettie M. Johnson, who had the distinction of being the only woman to hold a masters' and pilots' licenes to navigate the Mississippi and its tributaries, died here last night after an eventful career of 17 years on the river as owner and captain of steamboats.

BANDITS GET $4,000 AT PLEASANT HILL

Pleasant Hill, Ill., Dec. 31.—Bandits blew the safe in the Citizens' Aid bank here last night and escaped with $4,000 in currency. The robbery was discovered this morning.

STEPHEN LEACOCK ON CO-EDUCATION

He Walks into Trouble By Saying What He Thinks.

(Stephen Leacock, in The Sunday Pictorial, London).

It requires in these days no little hardihood to utter a single word in criticism of the higher education of women. It is like throwing half of a brick through the glass roof of a conservatory. It is bound to make trouble.

Let me hasten, therefore, to say at the very outset that I believe most heartily in the higher education of women; in fact, the higher the better.

The only question to my mind is what is "high education" and how do you get it.

Let me say also at the outset that when I speak of co-education I speak of what I know. I was co-educated myself some thirty-five years ago, at the very beginning of the thing.

BEAUTY AND GREEK.

I learned my Greek alongside of a bevy of beauty on the opposite benches that mashed up the irregular verbs for us very badly. Incidentally those girls are all married long since, and all the Greek they know now you could put under a thimble—but of that presently.

I have had further experience as well. I spent three years in the Graduate School of the University of Chicago, where co-educational girls were as thick as autumn leaves—and some thicker. And as a college professor at McGill University in Montreal, I have taught mingled classes of men and women for twenty years. On the basis of which experience I say with assurance that the thing is a mistake and has nothing to recommend it but its relative cheapness.

DIFFERENT MINDS.

The fundamental trouble is that men and women are different creatures, with different minds and different aptitudes and different paths in life. There is no need to raise here the question of which is superior and which is inferior (though, I think, the Lord help me, that I know the answer to that too).

The point lies in the fact that they are different. But the mad passion for equality has masked the obvious fact. When women began to demand, quite rightly, a share in higher education, they took for granted that they wanted the same curriculum as the men. They never stopped to ask whether perhaps their aptitudes were not in various directions higher and better than those of men, and whether it might not be better for their sex to cultivate the things which were best suited to their minds.

IN MATHEMATICS.

Let me be more explicit. In all that goes with physical and mathematical science women on the average are far below the standard of men. There are, of course, exceptions. But they prove nothing.

It is no use to quote to me the case of some brilliant girl who stood first in physics at Oxford. That's nothing. There is an elephant in the zoo that can count up to ten; yet I refuse to reckon myself his inferior. Tabulated results spread over years, and the actual experience of those who teach, show in the whole domain of mathematics and physics women are outclassed.

WHERE WOMEN ARE SILENT.

To my mind, girls do infinitely better apart from men. They are freer, less restrained. They discuss things openly in their classes; they lift up their voices and they speak, whereas a girl in such a place as McGill, with men all about her, sits for four years as silent as a frog full of shot.

But there is a deeper trouble still. The careers of the men and women who go to college together are necessarily different, and the preparation is all aime at the men's career. The men are going to be lawyers, doctors, enigneers, buisness men and politicians. And the women are not. There is no use pretending about it.

WOMEN TO WED.

It may sound an awful thing to say, but the women are going to be married. That is, and always has been, their career; and, what is more, they know it: and even at college, while they are studying algebra and political economy, they have their eye on it sideways all the time.

The plain fact is that after a girl has spent four years of her time and a great deal of her parents' money in equipping herself for a career that she is never going to have, the wretched creature goes and gets married.

At this point someone will shriek. "But surely, even for marriage, isn't it right that a girl should have a college education?" To which I hasten to answer, "Most assuredly."

GIRLS AND ALGEBRA.

I freely admit that a girl who knows Euclid and algebra, or once knew them, is a far more charming companion and a nobler wife and more than a girl who doesn't know X from Y. But the point is this: Does the higher education that fits a man to be a lawyer also fit a person to be a wife and a mother; or, in other words, is a lawyer a wife and mother? I say he is not.

Granted that a girl is to spend four years in time and a thousand pounds in money in going to college, why train her for a career that she is never going to adopt? Why not give her an eduction that will have a meaning and a harmony with the real life that she is to follow?

MIGHT STUDY NURSING.

For example, suppose that during her four years every girl lucky enough to get a higher education spent at least six months of it in the training and discipline of a hospital as a nurse.

When later on in her home there is a sudden illness or accident and the life or death of those nearest to her hangs upon skill and knowledge and a trained fortitude in emergency, she will not need to send in haste for a hired woman to fill the place that she herself has never learned to occupy.

I am not here trying to elaborate a whole curriculum. I am only trying to indicate that higher education for the man is one thing; for the woman another.

EARN WAY.

Nor do I deny the fact that women have got to earn their living. Their higher education must enable them to do that. But that is no great matter. No scheme of education that anyone is likely to devise will fail in that respect. The positions that they hold as teachers or writers or civil servants they would fill all the better if their education was more harmonious to their wants.

Some few, a small minority, really and truly "have a career"—husbandless and childless—in which the sacrifice is great and the honors to them, perhaps, all the higher. And others no doubt dream at least of a career in which a husband and a group of blossoming children are carried as an appendage to a busy life at the bar or on the hustings. But all such are the mere minority, so small as to make no difference to the general argument.

But there—I have written quite enough to make plenty of trouble for myself and for the kindly editor of this publication. I might go on and discuss whether the presence of women in the colleges is not bad for the men, whether it does not unduly soften and "sissify" them—but, as I say, there is trouble enough.

NEWS FROM THE SICK

Dr. Cass Chenoweth, who has been quite ill for the last three weeks, is making slow improvement although it is not as rapid as was hoped and he is not able to sit up much.

O. N. Fryman, 1333 East Leafland avenue, who is employed at the round house, is at home with a broken thumb.

5,000 DRY OFFICERS READY IN CHICAGO

25,000 to Take Part in the Revelry.

[By the Associated Press]

Chicago, Dec. 31—More than 5,000 officers of the law, including an enlarged staff from Prohibition Director Charles A. Gregory's office; ninety-two investigators from Attorney-General Brundage's office and city policemen were ready today to fill the various police stations of Chicago, if necessary, to give Chicago a "dry" New Year's eve.

TO IMPRESS PEOPLE.

Preparations went ahead to make Chicagoans realize that "real prohibition is here" despite the decision by Judge John K. Prindiville in the Clark street court that the police have no right to search saloons, restaurants, homes or persons for liquor without a search warrant.

AROUSES HOPES.

At first this decision caused a thrill of hope among the would-be celebrants, then federal and city authorities pointed out that drinking of illicit liquor was not affected by the decision.

If liquor is in evidence at cafes at restaurants, its owner will be arrested and proprietors who have a guilty knowledge of its presence will receive the same treatment, Chief of Police Fitzmorris said.

TO GO LIMIT.

"The police will go as far as the law will let them, and that is far enough to make Chicago dry," the chief said.

In spite of the arid forecasts, hotels, cabarets and clubs are looking for capacity business tonight. It is estimated that 25,000 people will watch elaborate entertainments which will take the place of alcoholic revels of other years.

PLAN DRY NEW YEAR'S.

New York, Dec. 31—New York City's prohibition enforcement battalion, 155 strong, reinforced by several of E. C. Yellowley's special liquor sleuths, received today from Ralph A. Day, state director, final instructions for carrying out the most rigid observance of the law over the New Year's holiday.

They were to be scattered through the city to make no distinction whatever between Broadway and the Bowery, Fifth avenue or Fourteenth street, but to press the "dry crusade into every corner where merry-makers gather. Special vigilance would continue until Tuesday, it was said.

Local Notices

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NOTICE FOR BIDS.

Sealed bids will be received by the City Council of Decatur, Illinois at the City Clerk's office in the Court House from this date until the 12th day of January A. D. 1922 at ten o'clock A. M. for the purchase by said City of one fire department automobile wagon, equipped with six cylinder motor, pneumatic tires, seven hundred fifty gallon pump, forty gallon chemical tank, reel placed parallel with body of said wagon with capacity for two hundred fifty feet of chemical hose, one twenty four foot extension ladder, and one twelve foot roof ladder, said wagon to have carrying capacity for twelve hundred fifty feet of two and one-half inch hose.

The above specifications are the minimum requirements for said fire department wagon, and bidders shall designate in their bids the specifications and equipment as to the wagons offered and priced for sale in their bids.

The Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to accept the lowest and best bid for the best wagon, including the above designated equipment or any additional equipment, which said City Council shall consider appropriate and proper for the purposes of the fire department of said city.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 31st day of December A. D. 1921.

(SEAL) R. B. ZEIGLER, City Clerk.



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:-: Financial and Business Review and Forecast for 1921-1922 :-:

Bright Prospect For Business Expansion

Accelerated Rate of Recovery Likely—Foreign Commerce Must Be Encouraged.

By Francis H. Sisson.

Vice-President, Guaranty Trust Company of New York

The year 1921 has marked a turning point in the reaction against inflation. And there are multiplying evidences that business activity in general has been for some months gradually emerging from the trough of the depression, although the increased activity in the fall has been in part a response to seasonal demands.

ACTIVITY IN 1922.

The foundation has been laid for a significant expansion of general business activity in 1922. At the outset the volume of production and trade is actually greater—when compared with that of a year ago—than readily appears from the statistics of values, because of the great decline in prices.

The rate of recovery in general business in 1922 will probably somewhat exceed the moderate progress of recent months, although the most pronounced advance may not materialize until the economic position of the farmers next fall can be more definitely foreseen.

PRICES TREND DOWNWARD.

The likelihood is that the general trend of commodity prices on the whole, will be downward for some years, although for short periods they may remain nearly stationary or increase somewhat.

An adjustment of the Allied debts to the United States Government involving a postponement of payment or reduction of amounts would be favorable to American business, in that it would represent the removal of an element of uncertainty affecting our trade relations. Payment of the debts, which in general is possible only through the sale of foreign goods in our markets, would necessarily represent a special element of competition with domestic products.

EFFECT OF PAYING.

It is not to be assumed, of course, that the payment of international obligations is necessarily harmful to the creditor country. It should be recognized, however, that the commerce of debtor and creditor countries cannot suddenly be readjusted in the manner called for by the introduction of large payments of this sort without certain harmful consequences. Until the payments can be distributed over a very long period they may well prove disadvantageous even to the creditor country. The investment abroad by Americans of at least corresponding amounts of capital would obviate the more immediate adverse effects of the payments on account of these debts.

REPARATIONS.

A revision of the reparation payments which provided a breathing spell for Germany with reasonable correctives for the fiscal policies of the German Government should contribute to an improvement of the industrial situation in Germany, with consequent benefit to all of the country's customers, including the United States.

CONTRASTS IN COAL INDUSTRY

Demand for Anthracite but Not Bituminous.

By C. E. Lesher.

Editor, Coal Age.

Before he begins to look over the record of the coal industry for 1921 the reader must decide in which lies his greatest interest, the coal he buys out of the family purse and burns in his cellar or the coal that makes industry go—the steam coal of commerce and business. For there is a vast difference between them, both as to kinds, costs, and public interest.

Anthracite, the hard coal of our domestic trade in all the East, comes from mines in a small area in Pennsylvania nearer than any of the soft coal mines. For 100 years or more it has been the fuel of the household, compared to which, in the West—that is, Ohio and beyond and in the region south of Washington, D. C.—bituminous coal is burned in the homes with but few exceptions. The coal for householders, both hard and soft, passes through retail dealers; that for industry goes direct in carloads from mine to factory.

Production of anthracite, all sizes, up to and including December 8, is estimated by the Geological Survey at 82,635,000 net tons, which indicates a total for the calendar year of around 88,000,000 net tons, compared with nearly 100,000,000 net tons in the maximum years of 1917 and 1918. The total this year will be about 1,000,000 tons above 1920 the bulk of which increase is in domestic sizes.

WHY PRICES ARE HIGH.

Prices for anthracite at the householder's curb are, as every one knows higher this winter than ever before, save only for a short period in the fall and early winter of 1920, when all coal prices ascended, largely because of a buyers' panic. The reasons for this high level of delivered prices are threefold: higher mine cost, higher freight rates, and higher costs of retail delivery. The men who mine and prepare all the anthracite for shipment are members of the United Mine Workers. They are getting higher wages than ever before in history, even more than during the war, and they have a contract with the operators that does not expire until next spring, on March 31, 1922. So long as they continue to charge so much for their labor the cost of producing all anthracite (wages constitute 70 per cent of the cost) will go no lower.

BITUMINOUS COAL.

Production of bituminous coal, has not like that of anthracite, held up to or approached previous records. Estimates by the Geological Survey show that the output of bituminous coal up to and including November 26 was but 372,000,000 net tons this year, compared with 416,000,000 in the same period of 1920 and with 531,000,000 tons in the same number of working days in 1918. In fact, the production for the first 280 working days this year was 82,000,000 tons short of the average for the same period in the past eight years. The total for the year 1921 will be around 400,000,000 net tons, a figure lower than in any year since 1909 or in twelve years.

LACKED DEMAND.

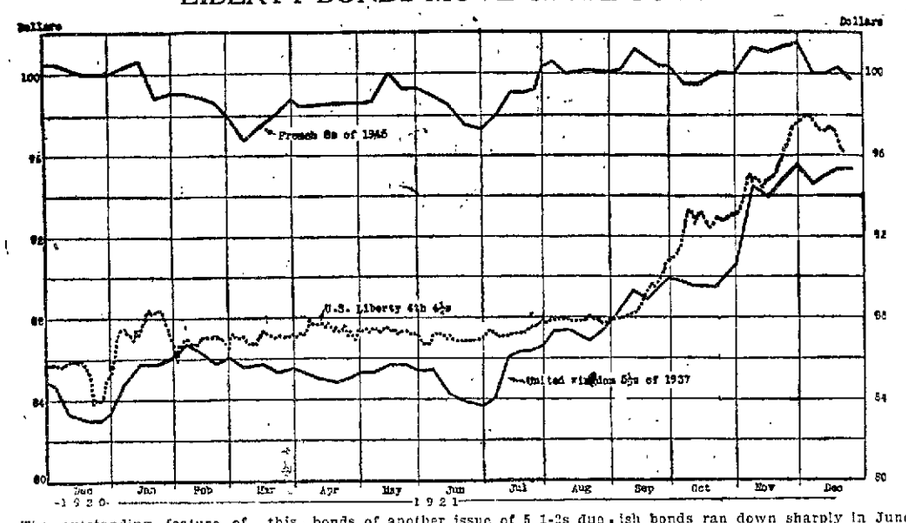
Lack of demand for coal is, of course, the cause of the failure to product this year. The railroads using 27 per cent of the total bituminous coal output, have used less coal; the iron and steel industry, consuming annually 100,000,000 tons of coal, has general industry has been curtailed taken but half that amount this year; and has purchased sparingly of fuel, and ocean steamships have called for but a portion of the coal they have required in other years. Save the central power stations, the public utilities, no one large class of consumers has required the same amount of coal in 1921 that has been used in any year since 1916

Notwithstanding this, the bituminous coal industry has, on the average, operated around 70 per cent normal. The non-union fields, representing some 20 to 30 per cent of the total, have readjusted wages downward and have passed the reductions on in lower prices. The operators of union mines have not been able to reduce wages, and have lost the business to the non-union fields. So competitive is the bituminous coal trade that these non-union fields, unhampered by car and labor shortages, have, because of their lower prices, operated more regularly and produced more coal than in any previous year.

THE YEAR AHEAD.

Coal is a diversified industry. The business, dull now because of mild weather and overstocked bins and storage piles, will come back after the new year opens. Every stimulus to general business is soon reflected in coal demand; the sum total of all transportation and industrial activity is roughly measured by current soft coal production. No one can say what 1922 promises to this country. But whatever it be, the fortune of coal, whether or not there be, as is now anticipated, a strike in the spring before wages can be reduced, is bound up with that of all other business to which it is basic

LIBERTY BONDS MOVE CLOSE TO PAR



The outstanding feature of this chart is the similarity of movement in Liberty fourth 4 1-4s and United Kingdom 5 1-2s during the second half of the year. A sharp rise in the latter in July accompanied the British Government's offer to buy at par bonds of another issue of 5 1-2s due on November 1. After complete retirement of that issue on the due date, the 5 1-2s of 1937 rose sharply, matching a similar rise in the Liberty's early in October. It will be noted that both the French and British bonds ran down sharply in June when corporation bonds were moving towards their low point. Our war bonds held aloof from that movement.

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NATION FACES NEW ERA IN GOVERNMENT FINANCE

Budget System Has Been Inaugurated and New Revenue and Tariff Laws Are in Prospect.

By William O. Scroggs.

In several important respects the year just closed marks a turning point in the fiscal policy of the Federal Government. For the first time in the history of the country an officer directly responsible to the Executive has prepared a Federal budget, and this shows the results of strong pressure, applied with Executive approval, upon the various administrative departments to check their perennial scramble for larger appropriations.

ELIMINATE SOME TAXES.

During 1921 the first steps were also taken towards the elimination of the emergency taxes of the war period, and as an indirect means for the further reduction of taxes, an International Conference on the Limitation of Armament assembled in the city of Washington. Each of these steps should be considered in connection with the others, for collectively they embody the Government's financial programme of the post-war period in so far as this has yet developed.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, the expenditures of the Federal Government, excluding payments for postal services from postal revenues, amounted in round numbers to $5,500,000,000. While this was approximately $1,000,000,000 less than the disbursements of the preceding year, it needs to be compared with an average annual expenditure from 1913 to 1915 of $740,000,000, if one is to gain an adequate idea of the enormous burden thrown upon the Treasury by the Great War and its aftermath.

It was only this terrific strain upon the financial resources of the nation that finally brought Congress reluctantly to consent to the adoption of an executive budget system, after such a reform had been actively urged before that body for more than a decade.

THE NEW BUDGET SYSTEM

In submitting his first report to the President, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget estimated the expenditures for the fiscal year 1922, in round numbers, at $4,000,000,000, or about $1,500,000,000 less than for 1921. For 1923 the estimated expenditures were reduced still further to $3,500,000,000, thus indicating a decrease in disbursements of 36 per cent in two years.

The whole fiscal program, as outlined in the recent reports of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget and the Secretary of the Treasury, will be radically altered in the event that Congress provides a bonus for ex-soldiers and a subsidy for American shipping.

HEAVY TAXES IN PROSPECT

From the foregoing it is apparent that even with the inauguration of all practicable economies the expenses of the Federal Government will still remain greater than ever known before in times of settled peace. Taxes, therefore, will necessarily remain heavy for many years to come, and those who have been hoping within the next year or two to obtain relief from the major portion of their tax burdens are destined to encounter disappointment. Indeed, no living man need expect to see the average per capita of Federal taxes return to anything even approximating the 1914 figures.

THE PROSPECTS FOR 1922

With the whole tax situation still in a state of flux, and with other important financial problems still awaiting the attention of Congress, many new developments in the fiscal policy of the Federal Government may be expected during the coming year. Without essaying the role of a prophet one may still indicate the high points in the country's financial history in the immediate future. Briefly summarized, these are: (1) A new revenue law, whose scope and content will be determined in part by the attitude of Congress towards a soldier's bonus; (2) a permanent tariff law, which may possibly be worked out in connection with a plan for subsidizing the merchant marine; (3) the creation of machinery for funding the Allied debt; (4) steps towards a reorganization of the executive departments of the Government, in order to eliminate overlapping and duplication of functions, and thus to obtain greater economy and efficiency in the public service; (5) an effort to secure a constitutional amendment prohibiting the further issue of tax-exempt securities.

CREDIT STRUCTURE ADAMANT AT BASE

Reserves Now Plentiful Enough to Finance Business Expansion.

By George M. Reynolds.

Chairman Continental and Commercial National Bank of Chicago.

The scars of war inflicted upon the business community heal slowly. Three years of effort to undo the harm done by the great conflict teaches that nowhere and through no magical stroke of legislation or private negotiation will there be found a quick remedy. The case is not hopeless, Quite the reverse, it is full of promise for the future to those who have the faith and the ability and the willingness to work.

Progress, very great progress, has been made. We have climbed down from the dangerous heights to fairly level ground. So late as the close of 1920 we were in a precarious position. Then the Federal Reserve combined figures had reached the high point in total bills on hand and in Federal Reserve notes in circulation and the low point in reserve.

GREAT CONTRACTION.

Contraction of practically $2,000,000,000 in total bills on hand about $1,000,000,000 in Federal Reserve notes in circulation and an increase in the reserve from around 43 per cent to above 70 per cent measure the strength that has been added to the situation. The credit structure, the foundation upon which business rests, has been made adamant at the source—the Federal Reserve Banks.

The ground gained means that people have given up extravagance, that merchants, manufacturers, dealers, and individuals have been paying debts, and that the decline in prices is reflected in a lessened strain upon the credit resources of the country.

EXPANSION POSSIBLE.

A forward movement in business never begins, in fact, cannot begin, except when reserves are plentiful. So great has been the improvement now that any legitimate expansion can be financed.

A good many problems other than the condition of the money market awaited solution. Some headway has been made in dealing with most of them, some are fairly well advanced towards settlement. Failure to stabilize Governments and rehabilitate credits in some of the European countries still hamper us in this country, both in the way of cutting down our exports and dampening our spirits. In our own country the burdens of taxation, excessive costs of operation, high prices, and lack of profits are deterrents.

Europe will get back to a stable basis in time. But even if the recovery of European countries should be drawn out over many years, as is likely, during the period of rebuilding gradually they will turn to us for raw materials and manufactured goods needed in the process.

EXPORT TO REVIVE.

The export demand will revive. Until that occurs we shall have our domestic trade, which will not remain at low ebb all the time. Some day the people will replenish their larders and their wearing apparel; they will renew farm machinery, and purchase new automobiles.

Remedies to reduce public expenses, thus insuring an ultimate decrease in taxes, are being applied at Washington. Overhead or operating costs, perhaps are affected by high rents to a greater degree than by any other single item. It is encouraging, therefore, to observe that building operations are on a large scale. If kept up until supply and demand meet, rents will come down, and likewise operating costs. This will have direct and favorable bearing upon prices. The two will make possible a lowering of labor costs without injustice to labor, so that, taken at their worst, those influences that are holding business in check are not irremovable.

The extreme of depression appears to have been reached in this country in the summer of 1921. By fall one industry after another began reporting more activity and gradually a more cheerful tone was observable. People seemed to be in the mood to work harder and buy freely. The two in combination give life to business.

PRICE DEFLATION SHOULD CONTINUE

Lower Costs Necessary for Further Improvement.

By John A. Topping.

Chairman Republic Iron and Steel Co.

Gradual, rather than speedy, recovery of business, as progress towards normal trade conditions, will be influenced largely by the speed made in readjusting cost of service and production to more nearly a normal basis.

As the principal cause for the present abnormal state of business is the result of inflation caused by war, the stimulant to apply to effect normal activity is logically deflation, because liquidation has not run its full course; this specially true of freight rates, fuel prices, and labor costs for conducting transportation, mining, and building operations, and until these items have been liquidated to a more normal point it will be impossible to restore a proper equilibrium of values, without which change normal business conditions cannot be restored.

SETBACKS PROBABLE

Set-backs to the business improvement now under way might be caused in numerous ways. Failure to relieve the transportation situation, crop failure, unwise legislation, or European economic and political upsets might be cited as possible disturbing influences.

The general trend of some commodity values should be downward, as living costs are liquidated and labor reduced. There may be exceptions to this rule, particularly where values have been as thoroughly liquidated as in farm products and iron and steel.

There should be some improvement in demand from the agricultural districts for 1922, but the farmers' purchases, as a rule, will doubtless be limited to actual necessities, as it will require more than one crop at fair prices to restore normal conditions in agricultural sections.

REFUND ALLIED DEBTS

Business sentiment does not favor remission of Allied Government debts, but does favor Secretary Mellon's general plan for refunding those debts on a time basis, because by disposing of existing financial uncertainties a definite basis would at least be established which should have a stabilizing tendency and point the way more clearly for other readjustments.

The importance of the reparation settlements, involving, as they do, German political and economic stability, is unquestionably of vital importance to the entire world and to Europe in particular, because the nearby countries are more directly dependent upon German stability than are other countries more remotely situated, but nevertheless the world at large, while not so directly concerned, is vitally interested in German affairs and therefore, I think our Government should consider to what extent we can or should lend our co-operation with respect to promoting European prosperity.

MIDDLE WEST WILL CARRY ON UNTIL ANOTHER HARVEST

Low Prices for Crops, High Freights, and Tight Money Handicap Farmer, but Coming Year Holds Promise.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 28.— As the Middle West looks back on the irregular track business conditions have followed during the past twelve months, it realizes that despite the serious problems faced it has come through with a sound basis for hopefulness and courage.

On the whole, the banks have their affairs better in hand than a year ago, in that they have strenuously held the reins tight and have not been caught unawares, as was the case in the days of inflated values. Their chief problem today is to rid their note cases of overdue paper and swing back on a regular schedule. This cannot be done until there is an actual return from the farm that will give the farmer a profit.

TAKING A BROAD VIEW

On the whole, the Middle West is taking a broader view of affairs. For instance, it is deeply interested in foreign trade, to which it looks as having direct effect on its own prosperity.

Looking forward in the new year, the common sense of the Westerner is forming a sound conclusion that he must work out his own salvation. He is depending less than a year ago on outside agencies, on legislation or on various panaceas that were then so loudly proclaimed.

VAST RESOURCES.

The Middle West has vast resources that are untouched. Its millions of Liberty bonds laid away in country bank deposit boxes and in bureau drawers are generally retained as when bought; the improvements made during the time of high prices are permanent and add to the usefulness of the farmsteads; always on the farm is a living, and there is no indication of a "strike" in production. Compared with the depression of the 90's, this is a time of plenty, for there is a basic wealth then unknown. That there will come readjustment and return of prosperity is certain. That we shall see a steady upward trend during the coming year is unquestioned; that the year can bring us fully back is doubtful—that is perhaps a longer process—but confidence, that as a whole the interior is started in the right direction gives courage for 1922.

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VIGOR AND ECONOMY PRODUCING RESULTS

Morale of Rail Personnel Improving.

By L. F. Loree.

President Delaware & Hudson Co.

I should look for substantial reductions in wages and rates during the coming year. The changes must take place in this order, since the country cannot afford to see its transportation interests plunged into bankruptcy. The capital invested in the railways is about one-fifth of the active investment of the country and cannot be impaired without involving all in disaster.

AGAINST LABOR BOARD

The Railroad Labor Board should be abolished. Such of its functions as it would be wise to continue should be confined to the Interstate Commerce Commission, so that the control of the income and outgo may be lodged in the same hands. Besides this fatal defect, it labors under the disadvantage of having in its membership representatives of the employees and the railroads, making impossible a judicial consideration of the controversy under review.

The morale of the personnel which has been recklessly squandered by the director general is in the way of being restored. To the extent that this has been accomplished, and wherever the managements are not hopelessly hampered by the restrictions of legislation, trade unions, and the Railroad Labor Board, the old and well tried method of vigor and economy are producing results.

NORMAL BY END OF 1922

For the Delaware & Hudson I should say that we hope to have the permanent way back in normal condition by the end of 1922. The locomotives and passenger equipment are now in good shape. I rather doubt if we can fully restore the condition of the freight equipment during the year. The damage done under the director general was tremendous.

Except that we shall buy rather heavily of rails, purchases will be kept down.

We have not restored on this line to "skimping" to secure a larger net income.

I should anticipate that new financing would be held to the absolute minimum.

NORTHWEST HARD HIT, IS OPTIMISTIC

Severe Deflation Cripples Farmers.

St. Paul, Dec. 29 — In the annals of the Northwest the year 1921 will be remembered as the period of the great deflation, particularly in the price of farm products. And as our dependence on agriculture is complete, our whole economic history for the year quite naturally centres about this fact of deflation. It were well if this decline in prices had been accompanied by substantial liquidation, but while there has been some easing of the credit strain, the very completeness of the deflationary process has prevented any marked reduction in the vast loan position.

In view of the impasse to which our farmers have been brought on account of the severe deflationary process, our money market has remained tight throughout the year. New loans even on the most attractive collateral have been reluctantly granted, and interest rates have remained very high.

SCARCITY OF INVESTMENT FUNDS

Because of our unliquidated position, the supply of funds for investment purposes has been limited with us the past year. Only a small proportion of the normal supply of money has flowed into investment channels during 1921.

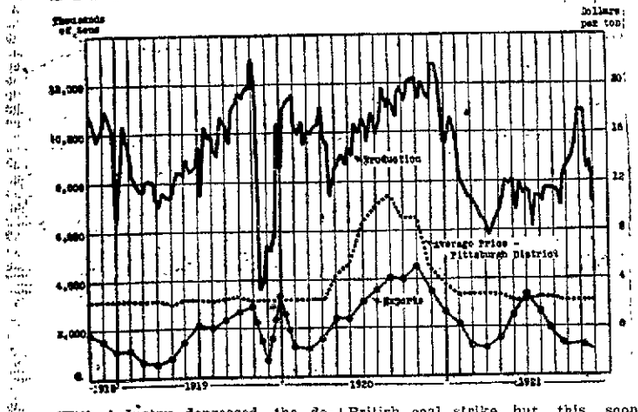
With the farmers in no position to make purchases in any volume at the stores, it is not surprising that retail trade has not been so good as in past years in the Northwest.

RAILROADS HAVE TROUBLES.

The railroads of the Northwest have had their share of difficulties during 1921. They had counted heavily on the prospective additional revenue which presumably was vouchsafed them when both freight and passenger rates were sharply raised last winter. But the extraordinary decline in the volume of traffic of all kinds which has taken place during the year has negatived this expectation.

Shippers, however, are determined to effect a reduction in freight tariffs, even if a decline in wages should be necessary. It is probable that the year 1922 will see this parallel reducing process given a thorough trial.

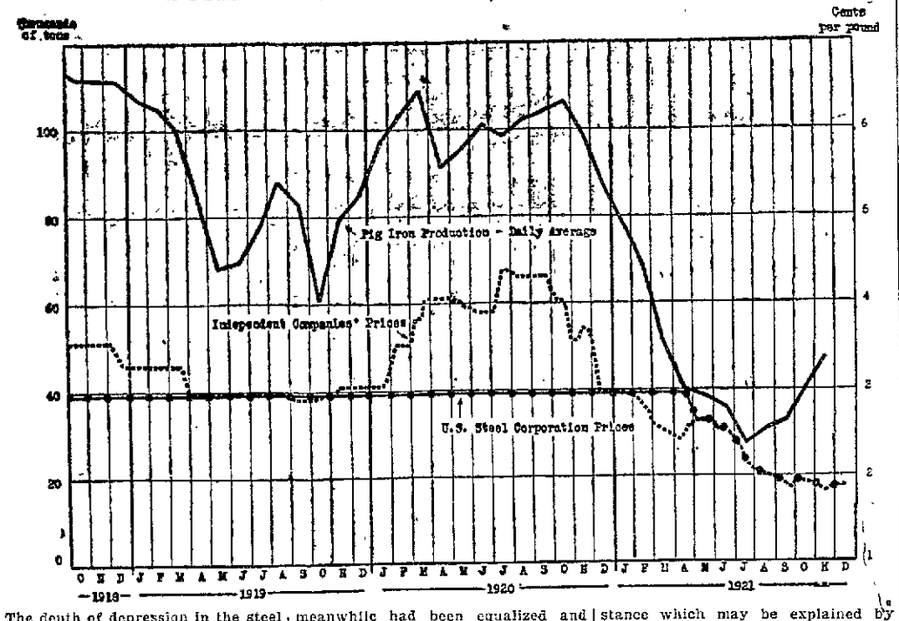
SOFT COAL PRODUCTION IS SMALLER



With industry depressed, the demand for bituminous coal during 1921 naturally has fallen below that in the two preceding years. For a time during the summer export business picked up on account of the British coal strike, but this soon dwindled, and the 1920 export boom, when a real coal famine existed in Europe, was not repeated. Prices have been relatively steady.

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STEEL OUTPUT GAINS, BUT PRICES SAG.



The depth of depression in the steel industry was reached during the past summer, when pig iron and steel output fell back to the level of 1908. The prices of the Steel Corporation and the independent manufacturers meanwhile had been equalized and had fallen well below the "Industrial Board" level of "fair" prices set up in the spring of 1919. Despite the recovery in production this fall, prices have declined further, a circumstance which may be explained by the fact that the industry is still operating at only something like 45 per cent of capacity. Competition for new business is severe.

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Resolve to Save in 1922



Stephen Decatur

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BIG BUSINESS HEADS' VIEWS IN FEW WORDS

Paul Willard Garrett says that commodity prices in 1922 may go to higher levels. Deflation came to a pause by midsummer and raw materials since then have gained some ground.

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Better times are ahead for the implement trade, according to William Black, president of B. F. Avery & Sons. Farmers' purchases during the year were not above 30 per cent of normal, but heavy replacements will soon be necessary.

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Archer Wall Douglas, chairman of the committee on Standards and Statistics, Chamber of Commerce of the United States, says that prosperity depends on a rural revival. The farmers' condition reacts on industrial and commercial centers.

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Rail development needs a billion every year, says Thomas DeWitt Cuyler, chairman of the Association of Railway Executives. Expansion just now is at a standstill, but the physical condition has improved.

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Paul M. Warburg, formerly chairman of the Federal Reserve board, says that our trade revival depends on Europe. Prosperity here awaits a just settlement of problems of foreign countries.

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Albert Straus looks for a moderate revival of business in 1922. He believes that activity on a large scale depends on resumption of European buying.

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Recovery will come as a surprise to many, says A. W. Shaw, president of the A. W. Shaw company, Chicago. The recuperative power of the country is probably unestimated, as in the past.

The volume of foreign trade exceeds the pre-war average, says G. B. Roorbach, of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic commerce. The slump in values in the past year is largely due to deflation of war-time prices. Pronounced gains in volume of trade in last half of 1921 afford much hope for the future.

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Frank A. Scott, vice president of the Warner & Swasey company, Cleveland, Ohio, says that that the machine tool industry may utilize its idle equipment. Wartime expansion makes industry seem overbuilt, but readjustment will bring demand for more and better machine tools to lower production costs.

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The Allied debt gives us political power, says Charles A. Hirsch, president of the Fifth-Third National bank of Cincinnati. It enables this country to dictate financial policies of world.

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Wages and railroad rates are likely to drop, says N. D. Maher, president of the Norfolk and Western Railway He predicts reductions in the year 1922.

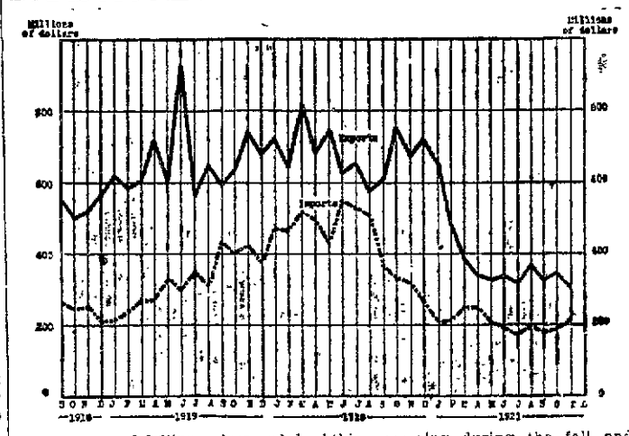
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Wesley C. Mitchell, author of Business Cycles, says that business is making progress in positive phase of cycle. Relapse and rapid improvement both are unlikely. The harvest will be a crucial factor. Narrow margins of profit and steady prices will aid recovery.

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Foreign exchange gains in strength during the year, says F. Schneider, Jr. Unbalanced trade, British coal strike, reparations payments and inflated currency cause wide fluctuations, but most countries show a net advance during 1921.

DRASTIC REDUCTION IN FOREIGN TRADE



The effect of falling prices and depression upon our foreign trade is clearly brought out in the chart above. Imports suffered first, but the decrease in exports was no less severe once under way. The first effect on our trade balance was a great increase in the excess of exports, this occurring during the fall and winter of 1920. During the past summer, however, the value of this excess has been greatly reduced, and in November amounted to only $83,000,000.

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FORECAST OUTLOOK IN CHIEF COMMODITIES

WOOL.

The wool trade has had a year of complexities. Consumers balk at prices, costs of production remain high, and the emergency tariff now hampers the manufacturer. So declares Paul T. Cherington, secretary-treasurer of the National Association of Wood Manufacturers.

LEATHER.

A better demand for leather products is the forecast made by Edward A. Brand, secretary of the Tanners Council of the United States of America. A greater consumption of leather for shoes, harness and upholstery is indicated for 1922. Exports already are increasing.

BUILDING.

John M. Gries, chief of the division of building and housing, Department of Commerce, thinks that a greater building activity is forecast for the coming year. The stabilization of prices of materials, elimination of evil practices, wage readjustments and easier credit conditions will aid in a revival. Improvement already is under way.

COTTON.

Walter H. Moler says: The cotton outlook is encouraging after a year of uncertainty. The early drop in prices was followed by book on government crop estimate which later proved to be grossly inaccurate. An increased acreage with fair prices is in prospect for 1922.

SHOES.

James H. Stone, editor of The Shoe Retailer, declares that the shoe and leather industries have cleaned house for 1922. The producers have succeeded in working down to bed rock from inflated values. Prices now are stabilized and steadiness in production of staple goods seems assured.

SECURITIES.

Harold R. Bunce says that the security market is hopeful after a big rally in 1921. The results achieved by the liquidation of frozen credit can be extended. Bonds are digesting gains for another rise.

GROCERY TRADE.

M. L. Toulme, secretary of the National Wholesale Grocers' association, says that the grocery trade is ready for a 1922 revival. In a year of subnormal activity wholesalers and retailers have reduced inventories and cut down expenses.

STEEL.

The steel industry has had a year of under-consumption. The capacity of mills is now 50 per cent greater than in 1914, while the year's output was less than in 1906, and amounted to only 38 per cent of possible production, says B. E. V. Luty of Pittsburgh.

What the steel business needs is such a change in conditions as will encourage the use of a great deal of steel in constructive enterprises. With harder and more efficient work by the individual there would be released much labor for construction and progress. The steel makers have no delusions on the subject of full employment for the enormous steel producing industry now existing. Probably few could be found who expect the rate of steel production at any time in the first half of 1922 to fall below about 20,000,000 tons a year or run above 30,000,000 tons.

COPPER.

The copper industry may turn the corner in 1922, says Edward H. Robie, metallurgical editor of the Engineering and Mining Journal. Deflation is more severe in copper than in other non-ferrous metals. The lead industry is in good shape. Better times are ahead for silver and zinc, but there has been a check on the gold output.

RUBBER.

The crude rubber market is in much better condition. Though conditions are far from normal they are more satisfactory than a year ago. Prices still are below production costs of planters. This is the opinion of Fred B. Peterson.

PETROLEUM.

The petroleum outlook for 1922 is highly favorable says Joseph E. Pogue, Author of Economics of Petroleum. Production is adequate at present, but experts believe that it may fall behind the country's increasing requirements and eventually lead to sellers' market.

AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY EXPECTS LEAN YEAR

More Price Cutting and Increased Output Probable in 1922—A Few Firms Prosper—Used Cars a Problem

By Leonard P. Ayres

Vice-President of the Cleveland Trust Co.

Nineteen twenty-one has been a big year for a few of the automobile companies but a lean year for the industry. When another year has passed a similar comment will probably again be in order, and for several years to come the same thing is likely to be true. For the first time in its quarter century of existence this giant young industry is now experiencing the rigors of a serious business depression.

SOME WEATHER STORM

In earlier years it has passed through periods that were hard times for other industries, but it hardly felt them. It was improving its methods and its models so rapidly that its history was one long succession of triumps and achievements. It was making good in the best sense of the term, and its markets were expanding so rapidly that it could not keep up with them.

In 1921, for the first time, it has had the experience, which has become a familiar story to older industries, of running into a major business depression. It has noted with amazement that some companies kept up their production and sales and made profits while most of them had small outputs and made little money.

10,000,000 CARS IN COUNTRY

When all the figures are in it will probably be found that the total registration for 1921, for both passenger and commercial cars, will be in the neighborhood of 10,000,000, but this will not mean that this number of cars has been in actual use at any one time. The average number used at any time during the year will in reality have been much less than this.

Registration consists of the new cars that have been put into use during the year, plus the old ones carried over from last year. It begins with the old cars in January and increases all the time up to the end of December. During these twelve months cars are being destroyed in collisions, burned, or otherwise wrecked and scrapped and sold for junk, but each one of them that is run at all is registered. All through the year the number in use is lower than the total registration, and by the end of the year it is much lower.

REPLACEMENT

As the industry gets settled down from its period of abnormally rapid growth and increasing production the number of these eliminated cars increases each year and the difference between the registration figures and the average number of cars in use at any one time grows greater. With the industry on a basis such that he number of automobiles used remained relatively stable, the number of cars eliminated annually would become about equal to the yearly production.

Something approaching this has probably happened for the first time during 1921. The number of new cars put into use was probably not greatly in excess of the number of old cars, eliminated. The average life of a car is about six seasons, and the first year in which the output of the industry reached anything like its present proportions was six years ago, in 1916.

PRODUCTION IN 1921

When the complete figures for production during 1921 become available it is likely that they will show a total of about 1,563,000 new cars made in the year. Of these about 938,000 will be Ford cars and about 625,000 all other makes combined. In 1920 the total output was about 2,205,000 cars, of which 1,028,000 were Fords and 1,177,000 were cars of other makes.

In 1919 the Ford output was 12 per cent of the total number of cars made. In 1920 it was 47 per cent. In 1921 it was 60 per cent and that of all the other 160 makers combined was only 40 per cent. In 1921 the number of Ford cars produced was almost equal to he output in 1920, while that of the other makes was only a little more than half as large as during the previous year. Perhaps a still more important aspect of this same situation is that the output of Fords was twice as great in 1920 as in 1916, while that of all other makes had hardly increased at all.

WHAT IT SHOWS

The implication of the these figures is clear, and it is that the market for new cars of the more expensive makes is slowing down. This is entirely natural and to be expected. It had to come some time, and it has been merely hastened by the present period of depression. It is, roughly, true that as early as 1916 all wealthy families already had cars and that since that time nearly all those in comfortable circumstances have bought them if they did not already have them.

PRODUCTION IN 1922

These considerations naturally lead to speculation as to the probable output of cars during 1922. It is clear that nothing more than a guess or an estimate can be given. The output of new automobiles undoubtedly depends mostly on the degree to which general business improves. Perhaps a reasonable guess is that the total output will be about 1,800,000, of which 1,100,000 will be Fords and the remaining 700,000 cars of other makes.

PRICES

The year 1921 was a year of price cutting in the automobile industry. This had happened once before, in the depression of 1914 and early 1915, and by the end of the latter year automobile prices were lower than they have ever been before or since. From that point automobiles increased steadily in cost until, at the beginning of 1921, their prices were on the average 66 per cent above the level at which they had stood five years earlier. This statement is based on the prices of the same models of twenty-five different standard makes of cars over this period.

It seems improbable that the end of the price reductions has been reached. The total productive capacity of the automobile industry is about 2,750,000 cars a year. The production this year is about 1,563,000 and that of next year will almost surely fall about 1,000,000 cars below the full capacity output. As a result of this situation prices will probably fall still more during the coming two years as the industry, with its great productive capacity, competes for the sale of its output in markets where the public's purchasing ability has been sharply reduced.

COST OF UPKEEP

During 1921 the expense of owning and operating a car has been materially reduced. The purchase price of the average car has come down to about 80 per cent of what it was at the beginning of the year and in not a few cases the reduction is considerably more than this. The costs of gasolene, lubricating oil, and tires have all fallen much more than those of the cars.

If we take 100 as representing the cost of each of these component items of expense in January of 1921 we shall find that by the end of the year the cost of the car was down to 80, that of gasoline to 67, of oil to 57, and of tires to 54. These figures mean that the cost of upkeep has fallen sharply and much more than the cost of the cars themselves.

TRADE PROBLEMS IN 1922

The most serious problems of the industry during 1922 will probably centre around the second-hand car turned in to the dealer as part payment on a new car. For a time the troubles arising from this source will mostly affect the dealers, but later on they will have to be seriously dealt with by the manufacturer.

The problems involved in making allowances for the traded-in machines arise at the point when the market changes from being predominantly one of initial equipment to one mainly concerned in supplying replacements. Apparently the automobile industry has just reached this point. Under these conditions the industry seeks an outlet for its great productive capacity. It cuts prices and it urges dealers to accept large allotments of machines.

SUMMARY

1. The past year has been a lean one for the automobile industry, but a good one for a few firms.

2. The output of new cars has been about 1,563,000, as contrasted with 2,205,000 in 1920 and 1,876,000 in 1919.

3. The prospects are for an output of about 1,800,000 new cars in 1922.

4. The cars sold in 1921 have gone in the main to replace old cars instead of being sold mostly to new owners, and it may be expected that the business done in 1922 will be largely of the same character.

5. The past year has been one of successive and almost universal price reductions, and it is probable that there are more yet to be made.

6. The cost of operating automobiles has fallen during the year in even greater proportion than the cost of purchasing them.

7. The most serious problems of the industry and trade during the coming year will centre about the allowances made for used cars turned in as part payment of new machines.

8. The year has not been a good one for makers of commercial cars and trucks. Sales of heavy trucks have been especially poor. The prospects for 1922 are for better business in these lines.

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RECOVERY DEPENDS ON FOREIGN TRADE

Home Markets Insufficient—Liberal Policy Towards Allied Debts And Reparations Important

By George W. Norris

Governer of Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

A reduction from nearly 3,000 millions to about 1,200 millions in the bill holdings of the Federal Reserve Banks and a reduction from nearly 3,300 millions to a little over 2,300 millions in the Federal Reserve note circulation are perhaps the best indications of the extent to which financial housecleaning has gone on in the United States during the year 1921.

MONEY STRAIN PASSED

The money strain is definitely passed interest rates have gone down, and there has been a proportionate advance in the price of securities. The average business man is now satisfied that he can get all the credit to which he is legitimately entitled at reasonable rates, but he sees nothing in the situation to encourage him to speculate, and there are few industries in which the volume of orders is sufficient to justify capacity operation of plants.

The whole problem of the future is markets. With the gradual recuperation of the agricultural interests from the tremendous losses to which they have been subjected there will come an increase in purchasing power and a recovery of the home market, but for capacity production something more than the home market is needed, and it is there that we find our inescapable interest in the concerns of the rest of the world. As the Federal Reserve Board has very well said' "Economic recovery must await restoration of foreign trade," adding that "an improvement in foreign trade will involve a rectification of currency and exchange conditions and a decided improvement in budgetary conditions abroad."

MANY PROBLEMS

Our tariff policy is inextricably tied up with the restriction of exchange conditions, and our decision as to the method of treating the debts due to the United States Government from the Allied Governments is equally involved in the improvement of budgetary conditions abroad.

I am not an advocate of either a reduction or the remission of these debts at the present time, but I am strongly in favor of an early decision as to the policy we propose to pursue, and a frank statement of that policy. I believe that this policy should be a liberal one, and that the advantages of such a liberal policy to American business, and indirectly to the revenues of our own Government, would far outweigh any advantage that we might secure by being insistent in our demands.

The matter of revising the German reparation payments is of particular importance to American business, because the present policy is adding to the difficulties of the exchange situation and disturbing the whole balance of trade.

ST. LOUIS EXPECTS SOME IMPROVEMENT

Prosperity Here Awaits to Considerable Degree Solution of International Problems

By F. O. Watts.

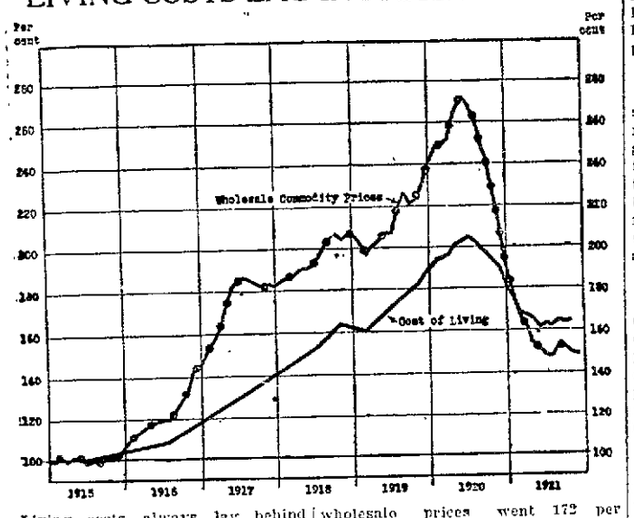
President First Nat'l Bank, St. Louis

General business conditions ought to continue their improvement in 1922, even though they do not reach the unusual acivity of the war period or similar periods of industrial activity.

The degree to which there is found a solution to some of the international problems, such as political peace, Government expenditure, deflation, stabilization of exchange, and method and character of reparation payments, will to a considerable degree determine the extent of industrial prosperity in the United States. Prices will be further adjusted, some going lower and some higher in the process of bringing about normal conditions in prices. The American farmer must secure either higher prices for his 1922 crops or pay lower prices for what he must buy.

All in all the year 1922 ought to promise much improvement over that of the past several years.

LIVING COSTS LAG IN PRICE DECLINE



Living costs always lag behind movements in wholesale prices because they include articles whose prices include a larger element of labor cost. Thus during the inflationary movement, the cost of living for wage earners' families, as calculated by the National Industrial Conference Board, rose 105 per cent above the July, 1914, level, while wholesale prices went 172 per cent above the earlier value. The latter, however, have fallen much more rapidly on the decline and are now substantially below living costs when referred to the 1914 level. Living costs have shown little disposition to recede since last spring.

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War-Time Wages Slowly Disappear During 1921

Unemployment and Wage Controversies Increase—Labor Becomes More Efficient.

By John R. Commons.

Professor of Political Economy, University of Wisconsin.

The peak of employment was reached during the months from March to June in 1920. The largest number of unemployed in 1921 was estimated by the President's Unemployment Conference at 2,500,000 to 5,000,000 workers. The first industries to lay off employees in 1920 were textiles and boots and shoes, and they are the first to begin the recovery.

From March, 1920, to January, 1921, the number of employees in textiles in New York fell 46 per cent, but in August, 1921, the number employed had returned to 80 per cent of the high point in 1921.

The high point in the cost of living shown by retail prices was reached in July, 1920, being a little over 100 per cent above the cost of living in 1913 and 1914, as measured by the budgets of wage earners' families. The lowest point was reached in August, 1921, being a drop of 40 per cent, and this level has been substantially maintained since that date.

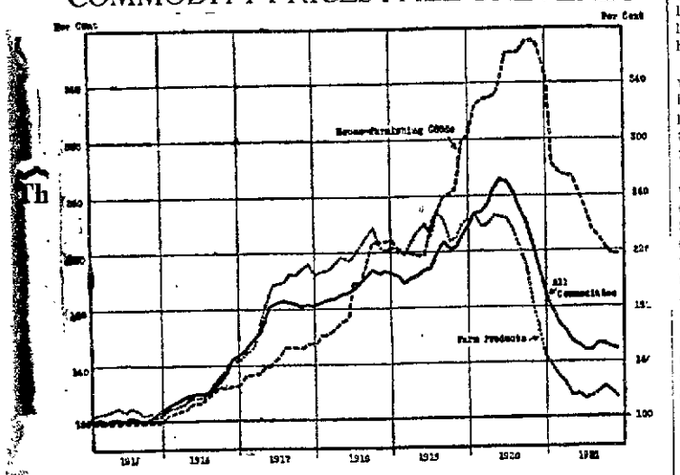
LABOR'S EARNINGS DECREASED

Considering the combined effort of reduced employment, longer hours, and lower wages, it is evident that the earnings of labor have been greatly reduced during the year 1921. There has, at the same time, been a surprisingly small amount of distress or appeals for public relief, indicating a large amount of savings in Liberty loans or otherwise, and probably a good effect of the Eighteenth Amendment.

OPEN SHOP CAMPAIGN.

The most distinctive development in policies of employers throughout the United States during the year has been the almost unanimous aggressive movement for the open shop. An active campaign followed the referendum, taken in 1920 by the United States Chamber of Commerce, which showed that the local chambers voted in favor of the open shop resolutions by a majority of 1,568 against 54.

COMMODITY PRICES FALL UNEVENLY



merican wholesale prices, as reported by the Bureau of Labor istics index, became more stable ng the past summer. A certain unt of progress also has been e in removing the disparity ex- g between different groups of modities. It is clear, however, that much remains to be done in this direction. House furnishing goods, in which the lag is greatest, are still 118 per cent above pre-war, while farm products, which have suffered most severely, bring only 14 per cent more than in 1913.

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WAGES AND PRICES MUST BE ADJUSTED

Same Plane for Both Essential — Foreign Relations Must Improve

By David R. Forgan

President of the National City Bank of Chicago

Perhaps at no time in their lives have bankers and business men found it more difficult to prognosticate the probable conditions for a coming year than they now do for the year 1922. While I believe the worst is past and that we are now headed towards recovery, it is undeniable that certain problems have to be further solved before general prosperity can be reestablished in this country or in the world at large.

Economically speaking, war is a debauch. The inflation of credit, of currency, and of prices which accompanies it, even in the strongest countries, is inevitable, and the reaction from such inflation is unavoidable.

DEFLATION NOT COMPLETE

Some countries, such as Russia for example, have pushed curency inflation to the point of insanity, or at least absurdity. It now takes millions of paper rubles to buy what hundreds of gold rubles would buy.

Great progress has been made towards deflation in this country, but it is not yet complete. In many lines prices and wages have both been materially reduced while in other lines they have been only slightly reduced.

In agriculture, for example, by which nearly half of the population of this country lives, the prices of farm products have been more than cut in half, while the prices of many things which the farmer has to buy have not been correspondingly reduced.

FARMER MUST PROSPER

It is difficult to see how this country can be prosperous until the farmer is again prosperous, and the farmer cannot be prosperous until there is a better adjustment than has yet been reached. Freights, for example, must be further reduced, and the only way that can be accomplished is by a considerable reduction in the wages of railroad employees. We can be prosperous on a high plane of wages and prices, or on a low plane, but we cannot be prosperous on a mixed plane.

Our relations with foreign countries must be improved, and the greatest step in that direction would be the funding of the Allied debt to this country, for which President Harding has just asked authority.

NEED CO-OPERATION

If we could only get a better spirit of cooperation between the different classes, and if our labor leaders could see their duty to be something come than simply fighting reduction of wages, we might reach a new basis of prices and wages upon which to reestablish prosperous business. With such a spirit of cooperation it is quite certain that this country will right itself, and that prosperity will return in fuller measure than ever. But there is no panacea for a quick solution of our problems.

If we will all cut out extravagance and run our business economically, and prudently we shall some day find ourselves again in clear water and when recovery once gets fully under way it may come more rapidly than any of us are now inclined to expect.

IMPROVEMENT ON PACIFIC COAST

Henry F. Grady, former American Trade Commissioner to Europe, writing from San Francisco, Cal., says:

The dominant interest here is agriculture. It has suffered from depression throughout the country. Congestion for the most part has been removed. The condition of the federal reserve bank is most encouraging. Industries, particularly building, are showing increased activity. Unemployment is less acute. Wholesale and retail business is satisfactory.

A more rapid adjustment of retail prices to wholesale levels would stimulate buying. There are two outstanding obstacles to a more rapid recovery, and those are high transportation rates and the continuation of high Federal surtaxes on income.

To sum up, there is unmistakable evidence of improved conditions over a year ago. The difficulties due to the general fall in prices have been successfully met, and the liquidation of surplus stocks and credit has been practically completed.

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If France Wants Debts Cancelled She Must Play

Refusal On Submarines Has Hurt Her Position in Conference.

By Mark Sullivan.

Washington, D. C, Dec. 31—If you ask whether anything can be found to say in extenuation of what the French delegates have done to the conference, the answer, after a large number of conversations with persons entirely open minded and without feeling about it, is, for the most part, very little. If you ask whether the episode is likely to have discouraging consequences, both immediate and remote, the answer is, unhappily, yes.

CAME AT CLIMAX.

It just happened that the climax of the steady French course of preventing success for the conference coincided with the most important utterance made in America in the direction of our cancelling the debts due us from France and other European countries. The position of Justice John H. Clark, both as a member of the supreme court and otherwise, is such as to carry much weight. But if you were today to call the roll of congress and the senate together with other public men in a position to influence the event, you would find hardly a man willing to follow Justice Clark's lead.

WANTS SEVERAL THINGS.

France wants several things from America. Among them she wants the cancellation of the debts she owes us, and she wants the assurance that we will come to her help if she is ever again attacked by Germany. There was and is just one way for France to get these things and that way is so to act as to make the right sort of impression on American people, and so to conduct her relations with us that, whenever the issue arises, the American people shall have the feeling about her that would move us to come to her help.

BUSINESS MEN ANSWER.

To visualize the effect of what has just happened, there is no better way than the crude but effective answer made by many American public men to the question of relieving France from paying the money she owes us. "Are we" it is replied, "going to let France have our money to build a huge naval equipment?"

In the same way the other question is answered, "are we going to come to the help of France in any future war when she wilfully endangers success at the very beginning of the elaborate program President Harding has had in mind, going much beyond the present conference, for agreements and cooperation aimed to make future war impossible?"

STAND INFLUENCED.

But the discouraging effect of the actions of the French delegates goes even further than this. What the American public may have sensed vaguely as realized even more concretely and definitely by persons close to the conference. That is, that much that has been done here by the particular French individuals is not necessarily the act of the French people, but is dictated to a considerable extent by personal political considerations.

In addition to the situation between Briand and the French politicians now out of power, who would like to get themselves in, those who are familar with the French delegation, say there has also been tenseness between Briand and one of the other French delegates, who, through his position at home, is in a position to influence a considerable block of the membership of the French chamber of deputies, upon which Briand must depend for his tenure of office.

DISCOURAGING TO AMERICANS.

The net effect of all this is a discouraged feeling on the part of the Americans that it is hopeless for us to become involved in this sort of thing. We can't possibly conduct our affairs with one eye on the politics of Paris. In short, the result of this French development must be accepted as having the effect of making us less willing to take part in international conferences or in international affairs altogether.

NET RESULT BETTER.

Those who favor isolation for America are greatly strengthened in their position; and for those who realize that France exists and we must live in the same world with her, the possibility of a satisfactory relation to the world is made more difficult. Nevertheless, the net result of the situation, as it exists today is not discouraging. The American, British, Japanese and Italian delegates to this conference are wise and able men. As to the Americans especially, they did not go into this matter expecting it would be an easy walk to success.

RESOURCES NOT USED.

They took into account possibilities of trouble even more serious than what has happened. These worse potential difficulties are already past. As to the present and future of the conference, there are resources not yet used. It can be expected with confidence that today is the worst the conference will be likely to see. Even as to France, there are considerations not of compulsion but of self interest that sooner or later can be depended on to make her see a better light.

Just Folks

by Edgar A. Guest.

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THE OLD YEAR.

I heard the Old Year talking, and he seemed to say to me:
"I'm what mankind has made me, not what I hoped to be.
I did not bring the failures, my days were bright and new,
I was the time allotted—the work was man's to do.

"I am what others made me, I had no will or choice,
Through all the days of trial I was not given a voice.
If victory came, man earned it—his was the faith and power,
If sorrow came, God sent it—I furnished but the hour.

"I came here empty-handed, a year that was to be,
And what I am in passing mankind has made of me;
I am their petty failures, their glory, their success,
I am their souls' advancement, their shame and happiness.

"I was not born in evil nor governed by the stars,
I brought to none high honors, to others ugly scars;
Only my days were numbered, I was the time for toil,
And each has reaped the harvest as he has tilled the soil.

"I am what men have made me, not what I hoped to be,
And so shall be the New Year which soon shall follow me.
Our days are good or evil, as each man serves and strives,
For years are but the records on which men write their lives."

Little Benny's Notebook

The Park Ave. News

Weather. Mixed.

Spoarts A lollypop sucking contest took place last Thersday on Puds Simkinses frunt steps to see who could make theirs last the longest without stopping sucking. Sid Hunt winning by making his last a hour and 47 minnits but some of the other fellows claiming a foul on account of Sids lollypop being lickerish and easy to suck slow on account of him not liking lickerish. 2nd. Benny Potts, a hour and 32 minnits, razzberry, and 3rd, Sam Cross, a hour and 22 minnits, lemmin. Ed Wernick timekeeper.

It All Depends On Ware

Pome by Skinny Martin

I drew a pig with my eyes shut,
It had a tale and all,
But my mother couldent appriciate its bewty
Because I drew it on the paper in the hall.

Sissiety. Mr Artie Alixander spent the week end at his ant and uncles house, more because he had to than because he wunted to.

Wy spoil your tung wen you dont haff to? We will lick your stamps for you and then mail the letters Special rates this munth. The Lew Davis and Ed Wernick Stamp Licking Co. (Avvertizement.)

Lost and Found. Not so far.

LEE PAPE

Ten Years Ago Today In Decatur

DECEMBER 31, 1911.

An examiner from the state automobile department was here and had examined fifty-two men for chauffeur licenses.

J. M. Sellers was re-elected president of the Brotherhood Bible class of the First Presbyterian church for the fifth consecutive time, having been president ever since its organization.

J. H. Culver of Decatur, representing the Douglas County Telephone company, purchased the Tuscola Telephone property from C. S. Hankins of Decatur.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY.

December held the record for the coldest and warmest days. The coldest was fifteen degrees below and the warmest was 62 degrees above on the first day of the month.

Among those who gave watch parties were Colonel and Mrs. J. M. Clokey, Mr. and Mrs. Guy P. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Rosen and the Psalemas division of the Woman's Club.

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Bryan Resumes His Bible Class



Here is William J. Bryan (all those who don't know what the "J" stands for raise your hands) resuming his famous Bible class at Miami, Fla., in the palm grove. This picture shows only a small part of the 3,000 in attendance.



End of the Old Year

BY DR. WM. E. BARTON.

There is no agreement among scientists as to the number of years the earth has been inhabited by man. So far as there is any approach to such agreement, it may be said to be that the fossil remains of the human species tend to suggest a period of something like 240,000 years since the first being that could be classified as human took up his residence in the caves.

Heinrich Schmidt, pupil of Haeckel, suggested as a convenient chronological chart, the reduction of this whole period to the time between midnight and noon of one day.

That is, let us assume that the race began at midnight last night, and is now at the noon of its power. On that basis, we have more than 11½ hours of unrecorded life.

The earliest vestiges of civilization appear in Egypt and Babylonia at 11:40. Christ was born at 11.56. The Advancement of Learning, the Reformation, the Discovery of America occurred about a minute and a quarter ago, and the steam engine is less than half a minute old.

The race has just begun to do things that can be recorded. The earlier struggles were not without value. Some of the most notable achievements belong to that unrecorded period that stretches from the midnight of the race to its dawn. But all that we have of record is since, not the dawn, but since the striking of the middle point between 11 and 12.

The day is a natural unit of time; it is measured by the revolution of the earth. The month is a natural division; it is measured by the moon. The year is a natural division, it is measured by the sun. But the higher multiples, the decade, the century, the millennium, are arbitrary, and depend on the fact that man counts on his fingers and multiples by tens. A year is a very short period as measured by the crust of the earth or the changes in the sky outside our little system. But it is a very considerable fraction of the life of any man.

The close of a year is not an unfavorable time for a little quiet meditation on the best use of time.

HARDING ASKS FOR AGRICULTURAL MEET

All Farm Interests to Be Represented.

Washington, Dec. 31 — President Harding in a letter Friday to Secretary Wallace of the Department of Agriculture asked that the latter call a national conference at Washington "to suggest practical ways of improvement" for "the severe agricultural depression which exists throughout the land."

Prompt action was taken at the Department of Agriculture in response to the request, telegraphic invitations being despatched immediately to a number of organizations and individuals whose attendance is desired at the gathering. No date was set.

TWO SECTIONS.

The president further suggested that the conference might divide its work into two sections, one "for consideration of our present day difficulties, which though temporary, are serious and need effective attention," while the second could deal with a "survey of the future in an effort to determine upon general policies."

INSTALLS WIRELESS TELEPHONE SET

C. A. Starr Putting Aerial on Top of Service Station.

C. A. Starr is installing a wireless telephone set in his Ford service station and garage at 301 East Main street and expects to have it in operation Saturday night. An aerial 125 feet long, is being installed on top of the building, seventy feet above ground. It is said the set will have a maximum receiving range from 2,000 to 2,500 miles. A sending set is not being installed at this time.

"No, not getting it for business purposes," said Mr. Starr, "simply for pleasure for ourselves and our friends who care to drop in and hear it. All the 'kids' are crazy about them now so I thought I would get one."

Fined and Sentenced to Jail.

Larry Murphy, Dan Shepherd and Bessie Holmes, arrested Thursday for violating the liquor laws, pleaded guilty in the county court Friday afternoon. Judge McCoy fined Murphy $100 and costs and gave him 120 days in the county jail. Mr. Holmes was given the same sentence. Shepherd was fined $200 and costs and given 240 days in the county jail.

BIG BILL TELLS 'EM



Big Bill Haywood, the American I. W. W. leader, making a speech in Moscow. Yes, to an English-speaking meeting.

ODD NILES GIVES HIMSELF UP TO THE AUTHORITIES

Former Windsor Man to Be Taken to Penitentiary At Once.

Shelbyville, Dec. 31.—Odd Niles, wanted by the authorities of several counties, is now in the jail at Charleston. Had he not appeared at this time his bond of several thousand dollars would have been forfeited. Niles surrendered late Wednesday night to his bondsman, J. L. Stiff, of Mattoon, who accompanied him from the home of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Niles, in Bruce, to Charleston.

As soon as the necessary papers are made out Niles will be taken to Chester where he will begin serving his sentence on a charge of perjury which grew out of his testimony in regard to the sale of the car of R. O. Watson of Ash Grove township, Shelby county, which was stolen from Mr. Watson.

WAITING ON COURT.

Niles told his bondsman that for some time he had been in and around East St. Louis. He said that he had been waiting for the supreme court to hand down its decision in the perjury case and that the decision of the court being against him, he made arrangements to give himself up and begin serving his sentence without delay. He said he went to Bruce Saturday to spend Christmas with his mother and had been at her home ever since then.

DENIES GAYS AFFAIR.

Regardless of the statement of Sheriff Lansden, Niles declares he was not a participant in the gun battle in which Dr. Estes was severely wounded, near Gays a few months ago, while the Sheriff was trying to arrest alleged auto thieves. Niles has been indicted in Moultrie county on that charge.

J. L. Stiff, whose home is in Mattoon, declared he had not the least fear all this time but that Niles would appear in time to keep his bondsmen, who are Stiff and his mother, safe.

MARRIED.

Lewis J. Kruger and Miss Vera Halliburton were married at one o'clock Friday afternoon in the parsonage of the First Methodist church by the Rev. E. V. Young, pastor of the church. The bride has been living in Johnson City for some time, although she formerly was a resident of Shelbyville, where she has many friends. The groom is a brakeman on the Clover Leaf railroad. They were accompanied by Miss Cora Featherstun. They will make their home in Charleston.

The members of Miss Bertha Sibert's Sunday school class gave a three act farce, "The Lonelyville Social Club," at the Baptist church Thursday night. It was a splendid production and many were out to see it.

GIVES PARTY.

Miss Gertrude LeGrand was hostess for a number of her friends with a Christmas party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar LeGrande, on North Second street Thursday afternoon. The afternoon was spent in playing games, and dainty refreshments were served. The guests were Kleon Parker, William Parker, Julian Beem, Ruth Beem, Bernice Krajefska and Mary Norton.

DELMAR POGUE MARRIES.

Mr. and Mrs Charles M Pogue of north of Shelbyville have received the word of the marriage of their son, Delmar L. Pogue, to Miss Maude Vest of Indianapolis, Ind. The wedding took place at the Woodward avenue Baptist church in Detroit, Dec. 22.

Mr. Pogue is a well known Shelbyville young man and has many friends here. He has been employed in Detroit, Mich., for several years. He served with the motor transport corps during the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Pogue will make their home in Detroit.

Miss Hazel Harwood, who has been the guest of her parents over the holidays, has left for Ames, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Elder, who have been the guests of relatives in Shelbyville will spend the week-end in Decatur.

Miss Helen Wortman has returned to her home in Evanston, after a visit with relatives in Shelbyville.

Miss Mary Roberts is recovering from an operation at the Shelby County Memorial hospital. She is getting along very nicely.

Miss Martha Marie Brown of Mattoon is the guest of Miss Florence Rachel Monroe in Shelbyville.

CROCKETT IS MASTER.

John E. Crockett, a Shelbyville attorney and former mayor, has been appointed master in chancery to complete the unexpired term of W. F. Lowe, deceased. The appointment was made by Judge F. R. Dove in a brief session of the Shelby county circuit court Wednesday. The term will expire July 1, 1923.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT ALLENVILLE

Allenville, Dec 31—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hoskins invited a few friends at their home on Christmas eve, where they had prepared a Christmas tree in honor of the occasion. About nine o'clock Old Santa came and gave each and all a good supply of useful presents.

Those present were Mr and Mrs O. G Buxton, daughter Mildred and son Oral, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bundy, Mr and Mrs H. E Burtchard and Mr and Mrs J. R. Hoskins, daughter Olive and son Charles.

After the departure of Santa the evening was spent in games and dancing and at a late hour all departed for their homes, declaring Mr. and Mrs Hoskins royal entertainers. Refreshments were served by Mrs Hoskins.

BLUE MOUND.

Mr and Mrs. Gordon Young spent Christmas with Mrs Young's parents, Mr. and Mrs Charles West, at Oconee.

Prof C. W. Evans, superintendent of the community high school, and Elmer Harrison, instructor of the manual training department, were at Decatur Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robins, Mrs. George Robins and daughter Leah and Mrs E P. Brewer were guests of Mr and Mrs. Robert Robins in Decatur Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs Harry Belknap of Hicksville, Ohio, are here spending the holidays with their many friends and relatives.

M. M. McDaniel is improving his residence by adding a beautiful new porch on the front of the house.

Mrs. Mac Robins and daughter Leah were Decatur shoppers Wednesday.

George Crites returned home this week after an extended visit with his sister, Mrs. E. E. Bradley.

SCHOOL PROPOSALS IN TUSCOLA CARRY

People Vote for Building and Bond Issue.

Tuscola, Dec. 31.—Little interest was taken in the voting in Tuscola Union school district Friday, on the proposition to build a new grade school building to replace the building that was destroyed by fire in October of this year, and for a bond issue by the district for financing the building.

A total of only 245 votes were cast and on counting these it was found several were mutilated and had to be thrown out.

THE RESULT.

On the building proposition there were 227 for and 15 against. On the bonding proposition there were 217 for and 19 against. Something over $40,000 was paid to the school board on insurance policies held on the destroyed building, and the bond issue is for the amount required over and above that figure for the proposed building.

WOODMAN ADOPTION.

There was a big time among the Tuscola Modern Woodmen of America in their hall Thursday evening. There was a class adoption for about 15 candidates. State Lecturer Gilroy of Canton was present and made a short talk. District Deputy Davis and Alex Van Pragg of Decatur also were present, and "Van" did some of his comic stunts in costume. Coffee and doughnuts were served to the big crowd that was present.

TO REOPEN CASE.

According to a letter just received by Mrs. Belle Crawley of this city from her attorneys, Craig and Craig of Mattoon, the litigation in the settlement of the estate of the late Thomas Crawley will be opened up again in the Douglas circuit court at its March term.

Thomas Crawley who owned a good farm west of Tuscola at the time of his death, had two children. One, was the late Frank Crawley, whose death occurred a short time before that of his father. The other, is a daughter, Mrs. Perry Howe. After the death of the elder Mr. Crawley, his daughter, Mrs Howe, claimed the land that her father had owned, and the court upheld her claim.

WIDOW FILES SUIT.

Mrs. Frank Crawley then brought suit against the Howes for compensation for making a home for the elder Mr. Crawley for a long term of years. She lost that suit in the circuit court, but it was taken to the appellate court where the decision of the circuit court was reversed. Application for a rehearing in the appellate court, was filed by attorneys for Mrs. Howe, but the letter to Mrs. Crawley from her attorneys states that the rehearing has been denied and that the case will now come back to the circuit court of Douglas county for a new trial.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F Carter drove over to Tuscola from Decatur Friday afternoon. They report considerable rough going between the two towns.

Rev. E. L. Jeffers of the Methodist church at Hume was in Tuscola between trains Friday afternoon, while enroute to his home.

About fifty couples attended the dance in the Knights of Pythias hall Thursday evening. The music was furnished by a traveling orchestra from Chicago.

Tuscola visitors in Decatur Friday were E. M. Hollis, O. L. Ingram and Miss Constance Fuller.

County Surveyor W. E. Price was a business visitor at Garret Friday.

County Farm Advisor F. W. Garrett was in Arcola Friday for his regular office day there. Plans were on foot to organize a Farm Mutual Insurance association there at that time, which was to be run in connection with a simlar organization of Pesotum.

A report was circulated about the town on Friday morning that A. H. Greenman, a civil war veteran, had suffered a stroke of paralysis. Some of his old comrades hurried up to his home in the north part of town to ascertain the truth of the report, and they found that Mr. Greenman was down town on the street and in his usual health.

WITT MERCHANT WEDS AT NOKOMIS

Witt, Dec. 31.—Fred W. Pfertner was united in marriage Wednesday morning at six o'clock at the Catholic church in Nokomis, to Miss Lizzie Hoehn of that place. After the ceremony they took a wedding trip to Chicago and will be at home in a few days in the rooms Mr. Pertner has just completed over his store here. Their many friends wish them much future happiness.

Mrs. Henry Binder of Nokomis, the mother of Mrs. John Benz, died at her home in Nokomis Wednesday.

Frank Tucker is very low at his home just south of town, with no hopes of his recovery.

Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Hamilton and son, Willard Vincent, spent the holidays in Iowa, with Mrs. Hamilton's parents. The doctor will be back in a few days, but Mrs Hamilton and baby will stay for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ludewick were up from Gillespie Sunday and took dinner with the latter's sister, Mrs. James Benton and family.

Miss Ulevia Jones is visiting her sister, Mrs. Robert O'Brien, for a few days.

Leslie Worthington of the U. of I. spent the last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Worthington.

Frank Tyler of Moline, Ill., was here Wednesday, the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. T. Stewart, and mother, Mrs. Tyler. He left Thursday for St. Louis.

Miss Lizzie Preback is recovering nicely from her recent operation for appendicitis. She is in St. Francis hospital at Litchfield, but will be home in a few days.

J. H. Rhoades has closed his mu-sic store here and moved the stock to his store in Hillsboro. The closing of the mines here caused this store to be unprofitable.

CLASS REUNION.

The Witt high school class of 1919 held a reunion at the home of Miss Lillian Meyers Tuesday evening, but owing to the absence of some of the members another reunion was held at the home of Harold Lee Thursday night. A good time was had at both meetings. Light refreshments were served. This class includes Cleda Fesser, teacher of 3rd grade; Lillian Meyers, teacher of 5th grade; Mrs. Ethel Lipe Frailey of Butler, Ill., Mrs. Freda Pircher Cadman, Leslie Worthington, student of U. of I., and Harold Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lee were host and hostess to a large crowd of young folks at their home in east Witt Monday night. The evening was spent in playing rook and feasting. Everyone present reports a good time.

Mr. and Mrs R M. Short and daughter Doris Marie were visiting relatives in Hillsboro Monday.

ALL WIRES BROKEN.

During the recent ice and sleet the Mutual Telephone Co. had its entire service of 60 wires broken down. As a result the operator, Mrs Rosa Bennett, had a chance to celebrate Christmas eve.

NEWMAN CHURCHES OBSERVE YULETIDE

Newman, Dec. 31—Christmas was fittingly observed in the three churches here. The program at the Presbyterian church was given Saturday evening. The exercises at the Methodist and Christian churches were held Sunday evening. At each church there was a Christmas tree and "treat" for the children.

M S Smith, editor of the Newman Independent, has been confined to his home the last week by illness.

Dr. and Mrs Clinton Swickard of Charleston were the guests of relatives here Christmas day.

Misses Maurine Moore and Pauline Hancock went to Chicago Tuesday for a few days' visit.

Miss Blanche Stone of Chicago is spending the holiday season here.

Mr and Mrs. Charles Fonner had as their guests over Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Duane Thompson and family of Indiana and Mr and Mrs. P. E Fonner and baby of Deland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hughes of North Yakima, Wash., are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs M S. Hughes was at one time superintendent of the schools here.

Mrs. M S Smith entertained Tuesday afternoon for Mrs J. L. Hughes. The afternoon was spent playing "42". Sixteen ladies were present to enjoy the afternoon.

Mrs Lulu Landine gave a family dinner Tuesday noon in honor of her son, Joe Cash Vandine, who is here from New York City for the holidays.

Eugene Root of New York City was the guest of his parents Mr and Mrs O L. Root from Saturday until Monday.

Mr and Mrs Ed Kelly of Tuscola spent Christmas with L C Shepherd and family.

P. P Long entertained twelve friends at a "possum" supper Tuesday evening.

Miss Carolyn Burgett is spending the week in Mt. Carmel with Miss Maggie Hall.

Genevieve and Charlotte Heaton visited their grandmother Mrs James Ellars in Tuscola from Saturday until Tuesday.

Mrs Loran Gulsinger was operated upon in the Jarman hospital Wednesday morning for appendicitis.

BLOOD POISON.

Mrs Harry Orr, daughter of Mr and Mrs. A. J. Gillooly, of Kingman, Ind., is seriously ill from blood poison, following the extraction of her teeth.

Miss Thelma England of Chicago is the guest of her parents, Mr and Mrs Fred England.

John Henley Eversole spent Christmas in Indianapolis in the home of Dr. C F. Voyles.

Mr. and Mrs Harry Myers entertained Tuesday and Wednesday evening at "500."

Mr. and Mrs J. M. Coolley spent Christmas with relatives in Fithian.

On Wednesday afternoon the Woman's Home Missionary society of the Methodist church met with Mrs B Q Adams, and Mrs W. B Vandine was hostess to the missionary society of the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. J M Young is ill suffering with ptomaine poisoning.

FORMER KENNEY FARMER IS DEAD

Kenney Dec 31—A. P. Derricks received a message Tuesday evening saying that his brother, Thomas Derrick, had died at Stroud, Okla that day. Mr Derricks is well known to our older citizens as he farmed near Kenney for a number of years.

Mrs A. N Rowe and son are visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs A T. McKee, in Clinton.

Mrs Estella Haviland and son of Independence Iowa, spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs Mary Myers.

C A. Jackson is confined to his home by illness.

Rufus Standt and Roy Myers who are working on a school in Eldorado spent Christmas in Kenney with their parents.

Bessie, the small daughter of Mr and Mrs John Brady, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Faye Long is spending the holidays with her husband in Kankakee.

Mrs Homer Tucker spent Thursday with Mrs. Orville Tucker.

SIMEON ELLIOTT DIES.

Word has been received here of the death of Simeon Elliott at his home in Amboy, Ill., at 1 20 p m Thursday, Dec 22. Burial was at Mt Pulaski Saturday at 2 30 p. m. He was a brother of Mrs. Jake Stanfield and Mrs J. K. Cantrell.

Mr. and Mrs Ora Luttrell and baby came Monday to visit Mrs Luttrell's parents Mr and Mrs. William Cantrell.

Mrs J L. Cole and daughters spent several days the last week in Mattoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H Phillips.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. U. G Smith, of Clinton, route 2 a son Dec. 22nd.

Linburn Kindred and family of Taylorville visited Mr. and Mrs George Dietrich, and Mr and Mrs Dee Kindred several days the last week.

COWDEN BOY SHOT ON HUNTING TRIP

Companion's Gun Discharged Accidentally.

Cowden, Dec. 31.—Charles Fry, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fry of this city, was accidentally shot in the leg with a shotgun in the hands of Vernon Auld of Shelbyville, a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Perryman. The accident occurred just after noon Wednesday as the boys started on a hunting expedition. Vernon opened his gun to load it and after inserting the shell, he closed it in such a way that the shell was discharged. The entire charge of one barrel of the gun struck Charles just above the knee, tearing away a large piece of flesh. Luckily, however, the joint was not injured and it is thought there will be no serious results from the accident. The boys are about fourteen years of age.

SLIGHT DELAY.

Elwyn Cutler and Miss Nellie Myers left Thursday evening for the former's home in Martinique, Mich. Mr Cutler came to Cowden and he and Miss Myers were to have been married here Christmas eve but Mr. Cutler procured the marriage license in Michigan and could not use it here. He is under age and did not have his father's consent, so the couple went to Michigan and will be married at the home of Mr. Cutler.

John Baird, who is teaching in the commercial department of the Jacksonville schools, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. L. E. Baird.

Prof. Cloyd Wright and family of Pana are spending the holidays with Cowden relatives.

Mrs. S. Severns, who has been with her daughter, Mrs Margie Pengel in Detroit, is now with another daughter, Mrs Susie Fisher in Chicago.

Nolleigh McNear is ill.

Charlie Hopkins of Terre Haute spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hopkins.

Mrs Charles Torrence and son and daughter, Mrs. Reba Lowe, of Decatur are visiting Mrs Minnie Dush.



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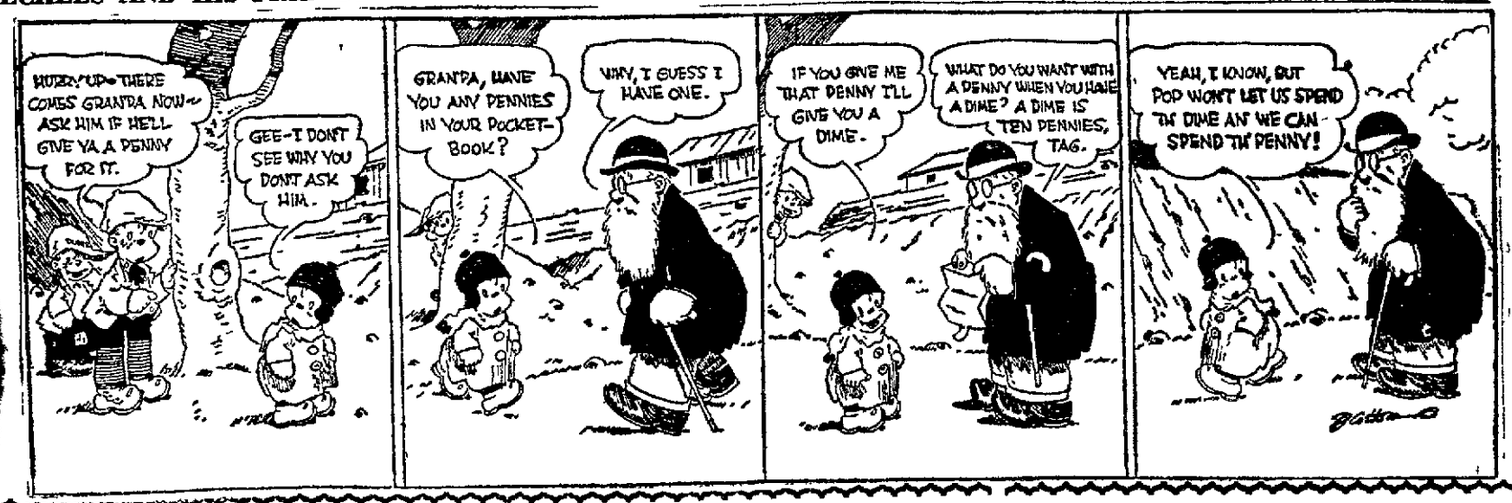
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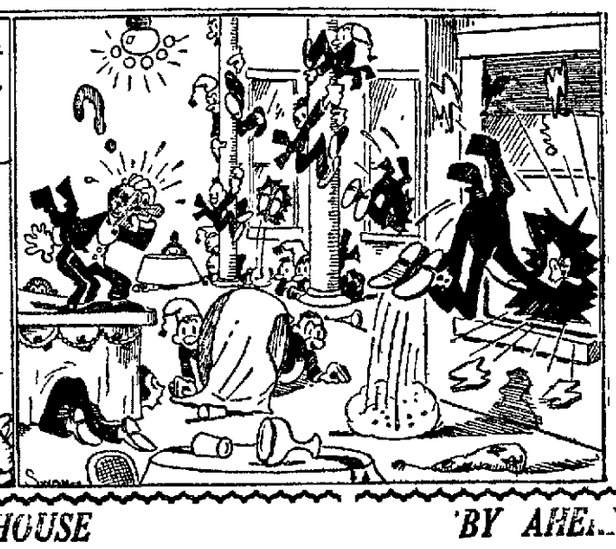
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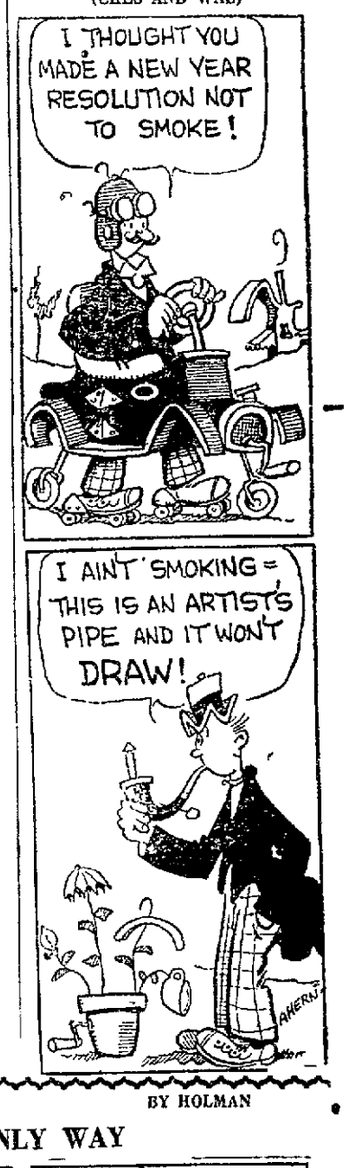
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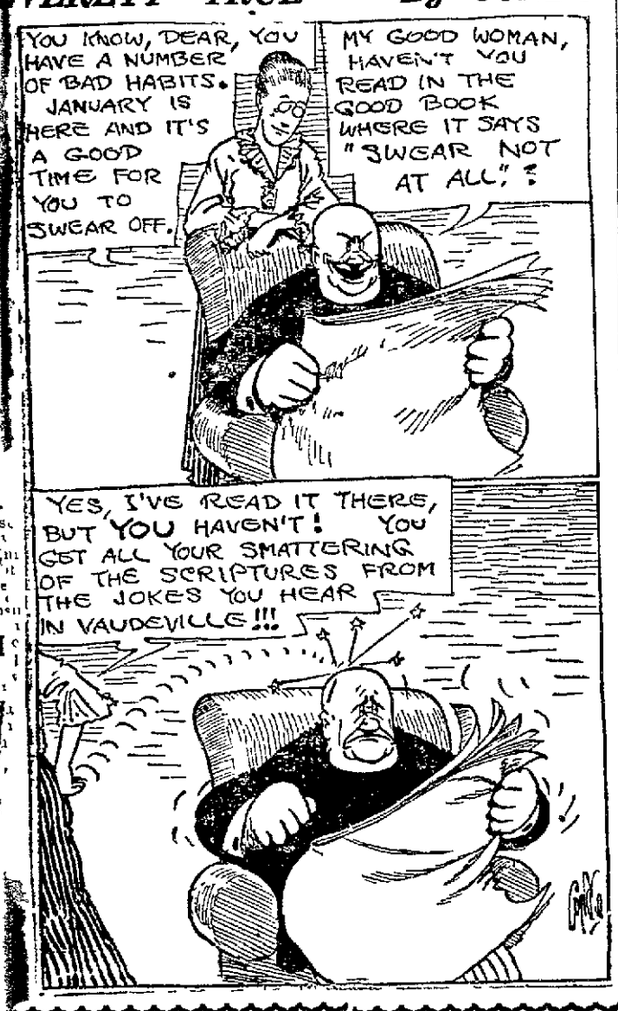
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A Nice Distinction.

Columbus Dispatch—
Romeo Won't you give me a kiss?
July Please don't ask me
Romy Don't you want me to kiss you?
July (judiciously) No I don't want you to just now, but I want you to want to

The Question.

Judge—Passerby— What are you staring at, little boy?
Willie Willis—Pa just fell down that manhole
'Why don't you holler for help?'
'I dunno whether it was an accident or whether he was duckin some body he owed

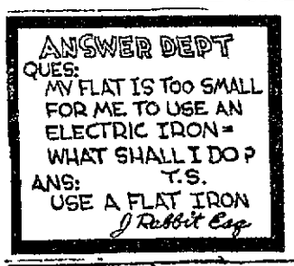
A Sheep of the Old Block

Tit-Bits (London) —The keen eyed woman looked at the meat displayed on the butcher's stall for some minutes and then exclaimed 'Is that English mutton?
"Well, as a matter of fact' replied the butcher the sheep was born in New Zealand But madam' he added in triumph it is of English parents!"

J. RABBIT, ESQUIRE

THE ONLY WAY

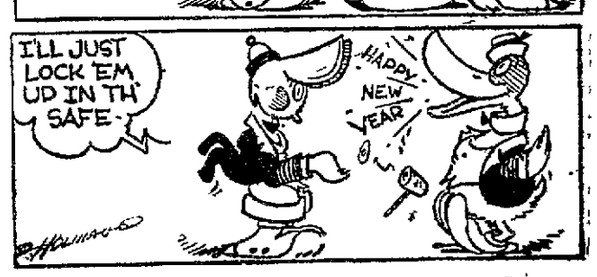
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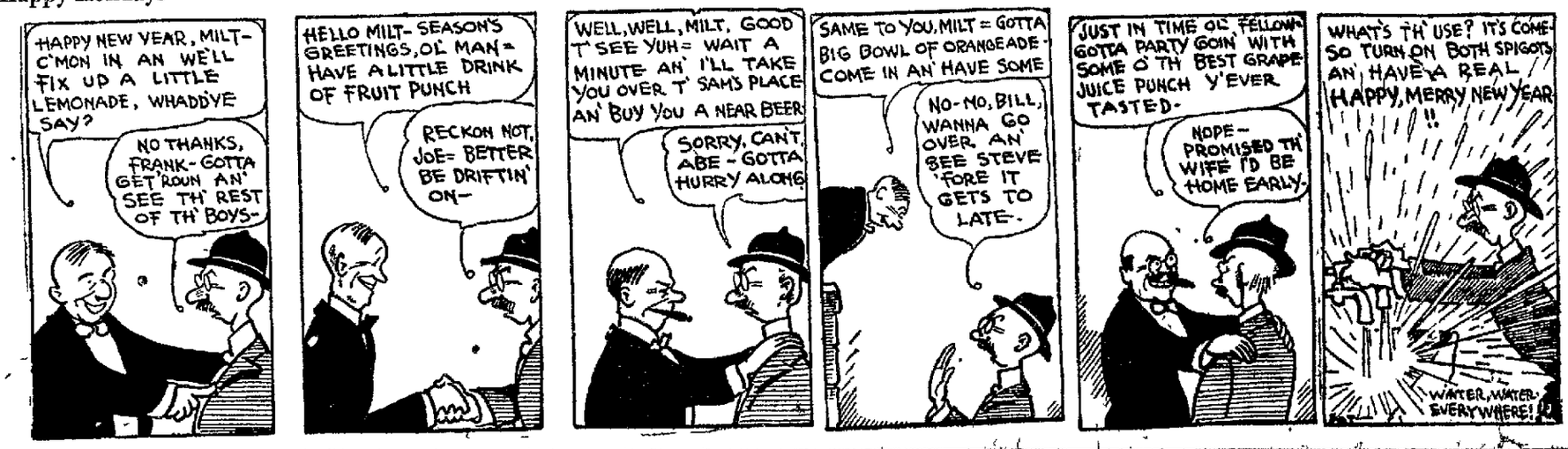




The Happy Holidays

SEEKING NEW YEAR CHEER

By Satterfield



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Soft Lines Enhance Oval Face



BY MARIAN HALE

New York, Dec. 31—Soft lines are the thing for the girl with the slimly oval face Perhaps it was the consciousness of this which influenced Miss Ailsa Mellon, of Washington, daughter of Secretary of the Treasury, to select this hat with softly rolling lines and a suit which finished at the neck line with a large soft collar.

Smart clothing for the girl still in her teens is straight of line and very plain Buttons are the chief trimming used with occasional self-color applique.

Buckwheat Cakes And Sausage For Winter Breakfasts

By Sister Mary.

There's nothing quite like real, honest-to-goodness buckwheat cakes and sausage for the winter morning meal. If this makes too heavy a breakfast try it for luncheon some day when the man of the house is at home.

The old-fashioned buckwheat cake made with yeast is not difficult to digest or prepare The modern housewife seems to regard yeast as a great mystery, but in fact it is one of the simplest of ingredients and insures success.

BUCKWHEAT CAKES

One cake yeast, ½ cup warm water, 1 quart water, buckwheat flour, 1 scant teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon soda.

Soften yeast cake in lukewarm water. Add to qt. water also lukewarm. Stir till dissolved and add salt and enough buckwheat flour to make a stiff batter.

Cover and put in a warm place over night. The crock in which this sponge is "set" must be of good size for the sponge rises during the night

When about ready to bake the cakes dissolve the soda in hot water and beat into the sponge. Let stand 15 minutes and bake on a hot well-greased griddle.

The soda sweetens the cakes and makes them very light. As buckwheat flour differs in its purity it is impossible to give the exact amount necessary for the sponge. This batter may be kept from day to day and really improves with age.

The second night do not add yeast. Add two or three cups of water, salt and buckwheat and put in a warm place to rise. In the morning add the soda, just as the first morning Keep the left-over batter in a cool place during the day

PORK SAUSAGE

Put the sausage in the frying-pan and add enough hot water to half cover. Cover closely and cook until the water is all cooked away

When the sausage begins to sizzle prick the skin with a fork Turn and prick the other side. Cook brown on both side.

Sausage must be well cooked and if cooked entirely by frying is apt to be hard and dry. The small amount of water cooks the meat through and keeps it moist

Cake sausage is browned first on both sides, a little water is then added and the sausage cooked slowly slightly covered until water is cooked away

Buckwheat cakes may be made without yeast, but they are not as good.

BUCKWHEAT GRIDDLE CAKES.

Two cups buttermilk, about 1½ cups buckwheat flour, 1 teaspoon soda, ½ teaspoon salt.

Mix flour and salt Dissolve soda in buttermilk and add to flour Beat well The secret of the success of these cakes is in the beating. Bake on a hot, well greased griddle

BAKING POWDER BUCKWHEAT CAKES

One cup buckwheat flour, 1 tablespoon sugar, ½ teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons baking powder, ¼ cup milk 1¼ cups cold water

Mix and sift flour, sugar, salt and baking powder. Add milk and water and stir well Bake at once

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Marshmallow Fudge.

Two cups granulated sugar, ¾ cup corn sirup, 2-3 cup milk, 2 squares bitter chocolate, 1 tablespoon butter, ½ pound marshmallows, 1 cup English walnut meats, ½ teaspoon vanilla.

Put sugar, sirup and milk in sauce pan and let stand until sugar is melted. Shave chocolate into mixture. Put over fire and bring to boiling point. Do not stir, let boil two minutes and add butter. Cook until a soft ball is formed in cold water. Remove from fire. Line a long pan with marshmallows, sprinkle with nuts. Let fudge cool slightly in pan of cold water while beating. Fudge must be quite warm when poured over the marshmallows.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Pastry.

If your pastry is not as flaky as it should be perhaps you do not have your oven hot enough when you put the pastry in. It should be hot.

Coffee Stains.

Sometimes the yolk of an egg is the only thing which will remove a coffee stain. Stir the yolk of an egg into a cup of tepid water, add a few drops of glycerine. Rub the mixture well into the stain.

Paint.

The pain spots on your dress can be removed by saturating them with equal parts of ammonia and turpentine. Then wash out in warm soap suds.

Use Ammonia.

Add a few drops of ammonia to the water in which you intend washing your jewelry and it will be brighter. Make a tepid suds and then add the few drops of ammonia.

If You Are Well Bred

You will reply to a wedding invitation, to the person sending same, not to the bride

You will use one style of lettering on your calling cards.

You will not use a "Mr. and Mrs." card except during the first year of marriage, or to accompany gifts.

PRESENT WATCH TO H. F. WARREN

Employes Remember Retiring Manager with Handsome Gift.

Completely surprised and deeply moved by the sentiment which was back of the gift H. F. Warren, retiring manager of the Decatur district of the Standard Oil Co., was presented a fine gold watch by the employes of the district through W. F Launtz, of St. Louis, district superintendent.

Mr. Warren, who has retired from the work although he was not really supposed to leave until Jan. 1, was induced to come to the office at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon and the gift was presented at that time, Mr Launtz making the presentation talk.

Mr. Warren, who is leaving in a few days for Florida to pass the winter, made a response expressing his appreciation of the handsome gift.

Placed Under Bond.

Peter J. Dahm, 858 North Edward street, charged with assault and battery, and his father-in-law, James M. Cummins, charged with disturbing the peace, on warrants sworn out by Mrs. Dahm, were placed under $200 bonds each to appear in Justice R. E Dickinson's court Jan. 7. They gave bond.

To Ban War Toys

St. Petersburg, Fla., Dec. 31 — America's toy shops must be disarmed by Christmas, 1922.

Pop guns, air rifles, tin soldiers, miniature shooting galleries, tanks and warships must go.

That is the objective aimed at by the Florida Audubon Society, Mrs. Kathryn Tibbetts of Lake George, N. Y., a war mother, is chairman of a committee that plans to do the disarming.

Warlike toys breed the desire to kill in the hearts of little boys, Mrs. Tibbetts thinks.

"Give them pop guns when they're babies and they ask for air rifles a year or two later," she says. "Then when they grow up they naturally take to heavier weapons and hunting."



MRS KATHRYN TIBBETTS

REMOVE THE BLEMISHES

BY MME. MOREAU.

Paris, Nov. 31—Oh, no! Musn't feel at all that those little red spots which threaten to be pimples or blackheads or most anything else, are a tragedy

They're not!

Just catch them in time with a lotion which you can make yourself.

Take 2 ounces of spermaceti ointment, 2 teaspoons of glycerin and 60 grains of bicarbonate of soda Mix them well and use at night after cleansing the face.

This mixture is entirely harmless, so can be used for as long a period as necessary

And—this is just a hint which won't seem at all important to you, but try it!—keep your hands away from your face as much as possible. Don't rest your forehead on a mast and sometimes a little bit soiled palm.

May seem surprising but a lot of bad complexions can be traced to the habit of continually resting the face on the palms

OIL FIELD HAS ITS OWN LANGUAGE

Decatur Folk Are Tenderfeet in Game.

A man of wide experience in the oil fields informs us that as newspapers we do not speak the vernacular, we have not acquired the patter, we do not know the lingo of the oilfields Our language betrays us as tender feet in the oil game. Oh we are able to make ourselves understood, he admits, perhaps better understood to a clientile who do not know any more about the oil business than we do than if we used the precise but technical jargon of the oil fields He knows how it is himself because there was a time when he did not speak the language And in the oil field where the oil language is the common speech the man who does not talk the language is more or less an object of derision.

This man being an engineer went to the Oklahoma field to take charge of some drilling operations there "Who has the first shift?" he asked his foreman by way of getting his bearings

"Shift?" said the foreman "What do you mean" He went to considerable pains to explain that he meant trick, watch, spell on duty.

CALL IT TOWER

"Oh, you mean the first tower," said the foreman. It was all perfectly plain. They have a first and second tower, the first tower beginning at midnight and ending at noon, the second beginning at noon and ending at midnight

There is a link arrangement connecting the cable with the drill. It allows several inches of slack when the drill is at the bottom. As the cable is wound up the slack comes out with a jerk which jars the drill loose if it happens to stick. The link is known as a jar. The Decatur man says that in his tenderfoot days he came near making himself everlasting ridiculous by going into a supply establishment and asking for some jerks.

JOKE DIDN'T PASS

One night in a hotel an older man who had constituted himself counselor and guide for the novice from Illinois asked the latter how he was getting along. "Oh, pretty well," was the reply, but I had to shut down a while today to have my drill manicured"

"What's that? What's that?" the old man snapped out "Here you've been a pupil of mine for three weeks and talk about manicuring a drill." The word had been used as a joke but the story went all over the hotel.

"Latch jack," "stem," "casing wagon," "spudding iron," "temper screw," are a few of the words picked at random from the language of oil. There are scores of others, hundreds of them that are found in no other langauge

SMALL IS URGED TO PUSH RIVER DREDGING

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 31.—Governor Len Small of Illinois was urged to expedite completion of the dredging of the Illinois river from Chicago in a letter sent to the governor by James E. Smith, vice-president of the Mississippi Valley association.

The project contemplates a nine-foot channel in the Illinois river and Smith stated in the letter that the Mississippi Valley association was prepared to have a bill introduced in Congress to provide for federal aid to finish the work.

"The improvement and use of our valley waterways is the only possible solution of the transportation problem," Mr. Smith's letter added.

Life's Lighter Hours

Miss Florence Atchison entertained with a dinner party Friday evening at her home, 1006 West Main, in honor of Miss Ethel Berrie, who is leaving for Tucson, Ariz., to join her mother and sisters. A four course dinner was served. There were about fourteen guests, members of the Young Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the First Methodist church.

Poinsettia, were the table decorations. In one corner of the room stood a Christmas tree The girls who served the dinner were Irene Schultz, Dorothy Harrold and Katherine Monroe.

The girls presented Miss Berrie a Bible. After the dinner vocal and piano music was furnished by Miss Atchison.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd J Nelson entertained at a five hundred party at their home, 1668 North Morgan Thursday evening, in honor of Mr and Mrs Ralph Morrison of New Castle, Pa., who were recently married. Mrs Morrison formerly was Miss Harriet Querrey and is a cousin of Mrs. Nelson The guests were Mr and Mrs. Harold Sasse, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Querrey, Mrs S Miller, Miss Martha Massey and Mr and Mrs Ralph Morrison Refreshments were served

Mr. and Mrs Morrison will go to New Castle next week and will make their home there.

Church Notes

Rev. Ezra Flory of Elgin, Ill. will fill the pulpit in the Church of the Brethren Sunday evening He will deliver a Sunday school address at Christian Workers' hour and after that will preach Rev. Mr Flory is the secretary of the general Sunday school board and is an expert in child study and Sunday school methods.

Watch Party Tonight.

A watch night service will be held at the West Side Church of the Nazarene Saturday evening beginning at 8 o'clock Rev. C. A Brown district superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene, will preach Saturday evening and again on Sunday There will be special music by the string band and also special singing

Mrs. Henry Karr entertained her Sunday school class, class No 22 of the First Baptist church, at her home, 459 East King Friday afternoon A social time was enjoyed and refreshments were served

Officers for the coming year were elected in the meeting of the Social Helpers of the Central Church of Christ Friday afternoon and they are as follows

President—Mrs Charles Auer.

First vice president—Mrs M W. Barnes.

Second vice president—Mrs L K. Shaw

Secretary—Mrs W O. Potter

Treasurer—Mrs H. W. Averitt.

Miss Nannie Parr, retiring president, was in charge of the meeting Friday in the church parlors Receipts for the afternoon were $14 30 Plans were made for the annual meeting of the church which will be held Wednesday evening, Jan 4, beginning with a dinner at 6 30. At this time reports will be heard from the various divisions of the church.

Forty-two members of the General Aid society of the Grace Methodist church were present at the meeting in the church Friday afternoon. Mrs Frank Querry had charge of the devotions

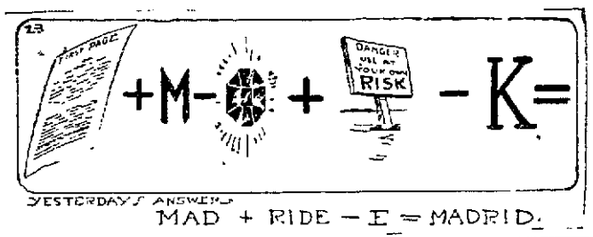
The eastern division turned in $115 to apply on its pledge for the coming year. The General Aid turned over $475 to be applied on its pledge It was reported that $252 44 was cleared on the bazaar held Dec 6. Six new members were reported from the various divisions during the last month. Plans were made for a Father and Son banquet to be held in the church Friday evening Jan. 20.

Following the business session a short program was given, consisting of readings by Miss Bernice Coles, Miss Leah Pelton, and Mrs C A. Reynold. The eastern division served refreshments.



Geographic Puzzles

This is the Name of a City



YESTERDAY'S ANSWER
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M'KINLEY DENIES POLITICAL DEALS

Says No Agreement Made with McCormick.

MANY PLACES OPEN

Nearly 150 Appointments to Be Made.

"I have made no agreement with Senator Medill McCormick in regard to the distribution of patronage in the down state district neither have I talked of such an agreement nor has such a proposition been even suggested to me by the senator," said Senator William B McKinley in Champaign

The senator was discussing the authenticity of an article published in a Chicago newspaper wherein it was stated that he had turned over to McCormick virtually all of the federal patronage out in the state This agreement was to have been made, so ran the article, because McCormick comes up first for re-election and the two senators were said to have agreed to pool their appointments and let them out in a lump, first to be used to further the election of McCormick and then to boost along the re-election of William B. McKinley

NO AGREEMENT WITH ANY ONE

"I have no agreement with any one, I am seeking no fights I expect my friends to pay their political debts and I expect to pay mine The system of distribution of political appointments which has been used in the past will be continued There are in the neighborhood of 170 places to be filled in Illinois These pay all the way from $1,200 to $2 400 a year

"When a vacancy exists in a county or district I get in communication with the county chairman and act entirely on his and the recommendations of his committee We feel that they who are in touch with the local situation are more able to decide who the men are that are both qualified and worthy of the appointment I will consider this policy in the future and with the assistance of Mr Willoughby we will fill vacancies upon the recommendation of the local committees

MEN ARE CLOSE FRIENDS

"Senator McCormick and I are very good friends but we have never discussed such a plan of political patronage distribution nor will we in the future consider such a plan I reiterate, I have no quarrels with any one and I have no desire to punish any one who was not for me in the primary election.

"We desire above all a united Republican party and such is inconceivable by the adoption of such methods as outlined I am obligated to my many friends and will do all that I can to act upon the recommendations of the district and county organizations'

THERE FEW DAYS

Senator McKinley will remain at his home in Champaign for a few days and will be joined later by his secretary Mr. Willoughby. The latter has just returned from a trip to Europe Several important conferences will take place in regard to the private business affairs of the senator before he returns to his seat in the senate.

Thinks Butterfly Collection Should Belong to State

That lack of funds for the purchase of the collection is the only reason the University of Illinois does not buy the butterflies and moths owned by Dr. Will Barnes, was the statement made by David Kinley, president of the big state school, at the luncheon with the men who went to Champaign Friday to see Senator W. B. McKinley on the proposed purchase by the Smithsonian institute of the famous Decatur collection.

President Kinley said that it is the best collection of its kind in the world and should belong to the state

The visitors returned to Decatur at 3:10 o'clock, after having presented the proposition to the senator for his consideration.

Dr. Barnes has stated that the money received for the collection shall become part of the endowment fund of the Decatur and Macon County hospital.

ARREST BOYS FOR STEALING CHICKENS

Youths Confess When Taken to Police Headquarters.

Everett and Ivan Conder of 2622 East Orchard and Elmer Kramer of 2529 East Marietta street were arrested at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon for stealing chickens. They went to a farmer's home east of the city and ran down four fat hens, which they had in sacks when arrested At police headquarters they confessed and said they thought a man named Morey owned the chickens. He was not at home at the time, so they did not get his name. Sheriff Pentwell is keeping the chickens for identification by the owner

PLIERS LOST

Robert Wheeler reported the loss of a pair of seven-inch lineman's pliers somewhere on East Main East Wood or Broadway, Friday afternoon They are Cline pliers and the handles are taped. The police hope to find them

BLOOMINGTON MAN IS BANQUET SPEAKER

Enjoyable Event Is Held At First U. B. Church.

Rev. H M. Klinger, pastor of the First United Brethren church in Bloomington, was the principal speaker at the banquet given by the Men's Bible class of the First United Brethren church Friday night About 150 people were present for the event.

Rev Mr. Klinger said one of the things he was thankful for was the United Brethren church and its integrity. Greetings were given by N. H. Welsh, president of the Men's Bible class. Rev. J. G Todd gave a short talk and told of the organization of the Young Men's Bible class last August with six members It now has twenty-eight members The members of this class were honored guests at the banquet. Commissioner Harry Ruthhauff and C Knox of Weldon also spoke briefly.

Two solos were given by Harry Bloomquist, who sang "I Don't Have to Die to go to Heaven," and "Old Irish Mother of Mine." A short talk was given by Rev. D H Shuey of the Third church W. F. Montgomery was the toastmaster. Edward Lappart sang "I Want My Mammy," and responded to an encore The male quartet gave several selections. F. N. Munch, who is a member of the Men's Bible class but is out of town a great deal, gave a short talk. Robert Haupt spoke for the young men's class Mr. Munch also sang a solo, "The Landing."

Scovill Suggests Fair Profit and Good Servic

Says These Are Two Essentials—Is Against Service at Cost Plan.

"I would keep just two things clearly in mind—and I would forget most of the others," said Guy Scovill, in speaking of the street railway franchise for the Decatur street railway company

"I would try to see that the street railway company had a chance to make at least a reasonable profit and then I would ask for the establishment of a running equipment of one street car in active service for every thousand population in Decatur.

TWO ESSENTIALS

"The first is just as essential as the second. A street car business, just as dry goods business or a furniture business or as any other business, must have a profit if it is to keep in business. The street car fare is not the all important thing. The important things are those two which I have mentioned, a profit for the company so that it can stay in business, maintain its equipment and have a credit, and the other is plenty of service. A car to a thousand population will do several things It will, first, give us an excellent service which in itself will increase the business of the company. It will, in the second place, since the company will be under obligation to run that number of cars, encourage it to reach out for business, make extensions and thus develope not only its own business but the city itself.

AGAINST SERVICE AT COST

"I am against the service at cost plan. I think it is a discourager of ambition, initiative and efficiency, an encourager of poor operation and indifference to service and general weakening of the morale of such an organization It would encourage the investment by fossils who would know that their returns are assured by the cost plus plan and would, I believe, be detrimental to the company and to the community in the long run

"Grant the company a profit on its operation, insist on having a car service to every thousand population and I believe we would get results which would benefit this city. It might result in higher fares for a time but we would have the service, and the service is what we really want.

"20 CAR TOWN"

"I have heard this called a 'twenty car town' We should be bigger than that Forty-four cars running on our street car lines would encourage traffic. It would be an inducement for the railway company to extend itself because it would be under the necessity of running these cars anyway.

"A fair profit for the company and a street car for every thousand population—that's my platform for a street car franchise here."

BIG RABBIT HUNT BY ELKS MONDAY

Thirty-two Men to Form in Two Teams.

MEDAL TO WINNERS

Big Dinner to Be Served in Club Tuesday Night.

A mighty slaughter of rabbits will take place in the vicinity of Decatur Monday when thirty-two or more members of the Decatur B P O. Elks lodge No 401 will stage a big rabbit hunt The hunt is being planned by H W Cadwallader and Roy T. Moore, who have been designated as "colonels" of two divisions of hunters.

Each have selected four captains who will each be in charge of four men The captains chosen are E Badger Swisher, Chet Russel D. J White, J Taylor, R T Moore Haynes, Giles and C A Evans, the last "captain' being one of the best hunters in Decatur for all kinds of game.

MEDAL AND SUPPER

The nimrods will leave Decatur early Monday morning and hunt as long as they please The side killing the largest total of "bob-tails' will receive a medal or some other suitable gift from the losing side

But here is the best part of the story for the 600 or more members of the local Elks lodge On Tuesday night a big rabbit supper will be served at the Elks club rooms to all members of the order free

FIRST ONE HERE

Rabbit hunts have been held in other cities by Elks for several years, the one at Taylorville being an annual event which is looked forward to each year with much interest This is the first time the Decatur Elks in recent years and as many of its members lay claim to being good hunters and marksmen this will give them an opportunity of showing their prowess

Owing to a previous speaking engagement Attorney John Hogan will be unable to take part in the hunt He has delegated George Camp and Russel Darden to take his place on Capt Curly Evans' team

GREIDER'S GIVE YOU ALL YOU CAN EAT NEW YEAR'S

Because of the big success of the fine Christmas dinner last week Harvey Greider, of Greider's Cafe, has planned another for New Year in order to give his patrons another treat and to start 1922 in the right way

Your capacity is the limit," will be the rule rather than the exception at Greider's Sunday Plenty of duck, geese and chickens with dressing, cranberry sauce and all the trimmings, desserts and so forth, will be yours for the asking

"Do not feel that you must confine yourself to a choice of meats, vegetables desserts or drinks mentioned in our menu" says Mr Greider. "Order any or all of them or as many as you think you can eat If you feel that your helping of duck, goose or chicken was not quite enough call the waiter's attention, as he has been instructed to give you more.

"We take this means of wishing you a very Happy New Year and advancing the season's greetings — Adv

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SPORTS NEWS

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e and White Tossers Get Lead Only Once During Each Half—Curl Goes Good.

ana, Dec. 31.—Millikin Univer- ooked good against Illinois for fourths of the game Friday but weakened in the last ten tes and Coach Winters' team d in shots from everywhere for to 20 victory. Once during each the Wannmen from Decatur in the lead.

he Orange and Blue "rabbits" rted the contest against Millikin, were played to a standstill by I. I. A. C. quintet. The lineup rting for Illinois was Popken and ter, forwards, Neville, center, o and Walquist, guards Illinois at half time 1: to 9, although played by the Blue and White e.

TRY LONG SHOTS.

During the first half the visitors eared nervous and lost on the big or. They resorted to long shots f the distance of the annex floor, tead of passing After the rest ey came back strong and recovered lead against the regulars, but fast pace set by the fresh team e them down and the last ten utes of the frav was a ragged ex- ition.

loyd Curl, snappy little Millikin ward, deserves the laurels of the e. He slipped in five baskets dur- the contest, and played a wonder- game. He was fighting continu- on defense, and was the main in the blue and white machine. Wallace, at center, made his best ing of the season. In addition dropping through two counters, covered the floor in good style watched his defensive territory. ter, who was ill before the game, not in his usual form. The work Capt. Bailey and Berry at guards good in spots, but the pair let veral baskets go through them un- eeded

STILLWELL GOES GOOD

or Illinois, Stillwell was the big se He rang up six field goals in second half, and was too tall to handled by Millikin's guards arney was held to a brace of bas- ets. The Orange and Blue outfit ooked mighty good and ought to nk high in the Big Ten rating

FIRST HALF

opken started the scoring for Illinois midgets with a free row Millikin took the lead for econds time in the half when Wal- dropped a long shot through the oop. Potter slipped one in from nder the basket and Popken hit a ee throw Poken was successful ith a close shot, and added anoth- r free attempt. Curl dropped in a one, but Walquist came back it one from under the basket. fter some nice passing Wallace got ne from under the basket Curl sent ne through from the side, making e score read 8 to 9 for Illinois. Be- re the half ended Poken and Potter ach sneaked a ringer in from un- er the hoop, and Bailey shot a free row, making the tally 9-13.

SECOND HALF.

Bailey opened the second half with a free throw when Collins was ught pushing Hiser put in a long ne from the side line. Curl's short ot gave Illinois a 14 to 13 lead. Walquist gave Illinois back the lead with a close shot Stillwell shoved ne through the hoop from around the basket. Curl slipped in a pretty ne from close up, and the Orange nd Blue outfit was only one point ehind.

Stillwell pulled a sleeper, but Curl eciated, making the count 19 to 15 or Illinois Carney finally made good a free throw after three misses, and from this time on the Illinois quint pulled away. Stillwell's height giving him a decided advantage when he was under the basket

Coach Wann replaced Hiser with Boerman the last five minutes, but the blue and white outfit was worn out Walker went in for Curl the last 60 seconds. Bailey made the Millikin score 20 with a free throw Curl brought the Illinois score to 35 a minute before with his second long ot of the game.

SUMMARY

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Millikin.	FG.	FT.	TP.
Wer, f	1	0	2
l, f	5	0	10
rman, f	0	0	0
ller, f	0	0	0
Wallace, c	2	0	4
Berry, g	0	0	0
Bailey (C), g	0	4	4
Totals	8	4	20
Illinois.	FG	FT	TP
Carney, f	2	2	6
Popken, f	2	3	7
White, f	2	0	4
Potter, f	2	0	4
Roettger, f	0	0	0
Neville, c	0	0	0
Stillwell, c	5	0	10
Hiser, g	0	0	0
Collins, g	0	0	0
Tabor, g	0	0	0
Hansen, g	0	0	0
Walquist, g	1	0	2
Totals	15	5	35

Referee—McCord (Illinois).

FREE THROWS

url certainly looked like a world beater in that second half. The Charleston boy seemed to find himself for the first time this year. In high school this lad had the reputation of being one of the most accurate shots in central Illinois. arney, as usual, got "tough" on occasion and was going to clean up on one of the Millikin midgets. The Illinois star has always had a hard time controlling his temper, and when he fails to get his usual quota of baskets, he begins to get "hard." Wallace was getting the tip off more than 50 per cent of the time. In the first half he continually outjumped Neville and more than held his own against the skyscraper Stillwell. Wallace played his best game of the year.

abor, the Sullivan boy, went in with Carney, Stillwell and the rest of the big men in the second half and turned in a good game at guard for Illinois.

thers about the state who like to refer to all Millikin teams as "the big blue team," should have seen the way that Illinois team towered above Wann's youngsters.

The much vaunted follow up ability of Stillwell and Carney was missing for the simple reason that the "old reliable" Bailey was taking them off of the back board and "getting them away from there." Stillwell got a number of setups and several free shots just a few feet from the basket but he did not get any shots off the back board.

As is always characteristic of Illinois teams once they get possession of the ball, it is hard to get it away from them until the try is made for the basket. The old "reverse and pass backward" system introduced by Ralph Jones still continues to be used

Hiser got a beauty from "way back" in the first half. The ball went through cleanly The Lexington boy was sick before the game but got in and put everything he had in to it.

WINDSOR LOSES TO BETHANY, 22 TO 17

Bethany, Dec. 31.—Bethany high school's basketball five had the edge on the Windsor high quintet Friday night, and won a hard fought conflict 22 to 17. The game was marred by rough tactics, two Windsor men being removed from the game on personals

The Bethany second team started the game, but was outplayed by the visitors. The half ended 10 to 8 for Windsor. The regulars took the floor and had no trouble in recovering the lead. Bethany's substitutes defeated the Shelbyville subs 28 to 22 in a fast curtain raiser. Walton, Bethany pivot man ,scored 18 of his team's points.

Lineup and summary

Bethany—Logan, Warren and Reuff, forwards; McLane, center, Ward and Cunningham, guards

Windsor—A. Jackson and Long, forwards; C Jackson, center, Edwards and Jones, guards.

Field goals—Warren, 3; Logan 2; McLane, 1; Reuff, 1; Long, 3. Edwards, 2; A. Jackson, 2.

Free throws—Warren, 4; Logan, 1 Ward, 3; Long, 1

Referee—Rotz (Millikin).

SPORT BRIEFS.

Flint, Mich.—Mike Menoskey, requested his release from President Harry Frazee of the Boston Red Sox.

New York — Johnny Dundee and Willie Jackson went 15 rounds to a draw.

Pasadena, Calif.—The Washington and Jefferson football team arrived to do battle with the University of California eleven Monday.

Washington—Clarke Griffith of the Washington Americans stated he was endeavoring to obtain Roger Peckinpaugh from Boston.

Dallas—Centre College arrived and practiced for their game Monday with Texas A. and M.

Houston—Young Wallace of New Orleans, outpointed Bobby Waugh of Fort Worth in 10 rounds

Ogden, Utah—Leslie Davis of Ogden knocked out Charles Wilbur of Boise, Idaho, in the second round.

Cleveland—Cleveland defeated the Toronto Argonauts at hockey, 8 to 2.

Lima Ohio—Don Bowsher knocked out Jack Odell in the fourth round.

Boston—Mickey Walker defeated Nate Seigel in 10 rounds

SULLIVAN SWAMPS ARTHUR, 31 TO 12

Sullivan, Dec 31—Sullivan high school's basketball team had little trouble with Arthur high Friday night, and trounced them with a score of 31 to 12. The home team started with a rush, and had a lead of 11 to 2 in the first quarter They finished the half with a 21 to 6 margin having put in several substitutes.

The lineup and summary follows:

Sullivan—Myers, Pence, Moore and Parks, forwards, Bishop and Beals, center; Shirey, Woods, Hoskins and Ashbrook, guards.

Arthur—Watts, Darling, Fleming and Ray, forwards, Eads and Short, center; Blaase, Panky, Walmsley and Corbett, guards.

Field goals—Myers. 3, Moore 5; Bishop. 4; Beals, 1; Parks, 1; Hoskins, 1; Watts 3; Fleming, 2, Eads, 1.

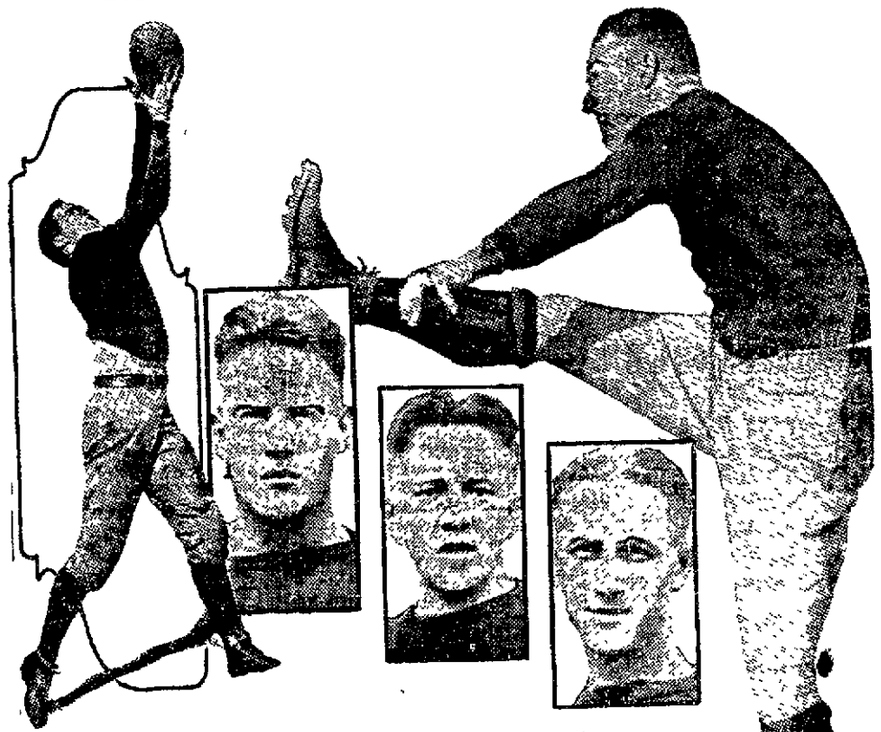
Free throws—Bishop, 1.

Referee—Gill (Millikin).

BOWLING

Player—	1st.	2nd	3rd.	Tot	Ave
	MARKS.				
Burns	98	126	90	314	103
Mooney	100	106	141	347	116
Mark	116	139	110	365	122
Mason	91	168	127	386	129
Kepler	81	73	116	270	90
Total	486	692	584	1702	
	COONS				
Eislager	100	118	104	322	107
Laswell	69	121	96	286	95
Cassell	86	90	86	262	87
Stephens	142	117	159	418	139
Coonradt	125	130	120	375	125
Total	522	576	585	1683	
High individual score—Mason 168					
High individual average—Stephens					139
	APPS. DENTISTS LEAGUE.				
Player—	1st.	2nd	3rd.	Tot.	Ave.
Holmes	120	135	176	431	144
Schaub	141	135	107	383	128
Reed	115	126	136	377	126
Arnold	136	100	105	361	120
App	128	151	121	400	133
Total	660	647	645	1952	
	FRIDAYS.				
Beerup	100	127	134	361	120
Vaughn	97	119	116	332	111
Karr	107	138	107	372	117
Waltz	88	91	80	259	86
Freidinger	100	136	214	510	170
Total	552	611	651	1814	
High individual score—Freidinger, 214.					
High individual average—Freidinger.					

Neale's Aces For California Game



While the Washington and Jefferson team, coached by Greasy Neale, has been a great success this year and won 10 straight games because of its fine team work, there are several players on the team whose work stands out above that of the other members of the squad. These players are the aces upon whom Greasy is counting for a victory over the California University Bears at Pasadena next Monday afternoon. Neale's aces are here pictured. Left to right, they are: Kopf, end; Erickson, halfback; Basista, fullback; Brenkert halfback and Captain Stein, who combines several jobs He plays both tackle and end and calls the signals on offense.

WESLEYAN WINS FROM COLGATE U.

Methodists Defeat Eastern Five in Close Game.

Bloomington Dec. 31. — Illinois Wesleyan defeated Colgate university of Hamilton, N. Y., 20 to 16 on the high school floor here Friday night in a close game. The local five used the five men defense to good advantage, but the easterners had tough luck in their shooting.

After Colgate got away to a lead on a free throw, Wesleyan jumped into the lead with some baskets by Haussler, and held an 11 to 7 margin at half time. In the second half Haussler and Mace continued their scoring, and Wesleyan was never headed. Haussler and Mace were the outstanding Wesleyan players while Capt. Linnehan played the best game for Colgate.

SUMMARY.

Line up and summary

Wesleyan—Mace and Capt. Haussler, forwards; Gottschalk, center, Finks Hacey and Durham, guards. Colgate—Herman Barnes and O'Connor, forwards, Mosier and Leonard, center, Capt Linnehan and Steffen, guards.

Field goals — Mace 3 Haussler, 4; Herman 2 Barnes 1 Mosier 1; Steffen 1. Referee—Reynolds (Am. College of Physical Ed., Chi.)

MAKE CHANGES IN N. L. UMPIRES

Chicago, Dec. 31 —Baseball deaths involving players are no more expensive this winter than the shakeup of umpires in the National which involves Bill Brennan, Hank O'Day and Bob Emslie and perhaps others, according to reports current here. It is understood President Heydler plans an extensive revision of his staff.

Brennan already has been transferred to the Southern Association, O'Day is pressing for his release so he can sign up with the Pacific Coast League and Emslie, it is understood, is about to be retired on a pension after nearly 25 years faithful service.

THREE NEW ONES.

"Ducky" Holmes of the Western League, Paul Sentelle of the Texas League and Pfirman of the Southern Association have been added to the National League roster.

Considerable opposition to Brennan had developed around the national circuit. O'Day's retirement from the majors is due to his desire to live in the West. Emslie is to be replaced by a younger man and rewarded for his long service, according to the stories here.

EASTERN FIVES END INVASION OF WEST

Yale and Colgate Meet Northwestern and Chicago.

Chicago, Dec 31.—Two famous eastern basketball quintets—Yale and Colgate will be seen in action tonight, the former meeting the Northwestern University's team at Evanston, while the Hamilton New York collegians will play the University of Chicago five. Both teams will return home immediately after the contests here.

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PRESIDENTS AND BEAR ELEVENS IN FINAL WORKOUTS

Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 31—Final workouts were scheduled for today for the football teams of the Washington and Jefferson College and the University of California who will clash here Monday in the annual East versus West gridiron classic Both coaches asserted all their men were in good condition. Tomorrow neither team will indulge in any physical exercise other than a long walk.

Basketball Scores.

Millikin, 20, U. of I., 35
Illinois Wesleyan, 20, Colgate 16
Michigan, 36, Carnegie Tech., 15
DePauw, 32, Purdue, 27.
Butler, 51, Yale, 16

KNOX QUINTET TO CLASH WITH IOWA

Barrymen Meet Hawkeyes Tonight—Start Eastern Trip Next Week.

Galesburg, Ill., Dec 31—Coach Sam Barry's Knox College five which defeated the University of Chicago team here Thursday night, meets the University of Iowa quintet here today. The local team is in the best of condition and expects to make a good showing against the Hawkeye five

Following the game tonight, Knox will meet Coe College here Jan 7 this being the last contest for the Siwash team before they embark on their 10-day eastern tour for games with Dartmouth, Yale Brown, Army and others

DUNDEE-JACKSON FIGHT TO DRAW

Madison Square Garden Bout Goes Full Limit of 15 Rounds.

New York, Dec. 31.—Johnny Dundee and Willie Jackson fought 15 rounds to a draw in Madison Square Garden Friday night. Dundee weighed 128½ and Jackson 134½ pounds.

The contest was hard-fought with honors even in most of the rounds. Jackson tried hard for a knock-out but Dundee managed to ward off many of his terrific blows

NORFOLK WINS

In the semi-final Kid Norfolk holder of Tex Rickard's colored heavyweight championship belt, was awarded the decision over Jamaica Kid, formerly Jack Dempsey's training partner. The bout went eight rounds.



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DANVILLE DOWNS HERALD BANTAMS

Light Carrier Five Loses Scrap, 21-15.

The Herald Bantams were defeated 21 to 15 Friday night by the Danville Y. M. C. A. five, in one of the scrappiest contests ever played on the local floor. The carrier boys were up against a much bigger team, but by fighting continually were able to hold them to a low score.

Danville started out with an attack which swept the Bantams off their feet, and led 8 to 4 by the close of the first quarter. The midgets rallied strong the next period, and led at half time 15 to 11. The pace was too fast for the little fellows, and they never scored another point. The Bantams meet Stonington High tonight on the Y. M. C. A. floor. The game will be called at 8 o'clock.

Lineups and summary

Bantams—Arrowsmith and Lahme forwards, Hermann, center; Kalinski and Heisler, guards. Danville—Winters and Elliott, forwards; Newman and Baldwin, center, McCarty and Wadsworth, guards.

Field goals—Arrowsmith 2; Lahme, 3; Hermann, 1; Heisler, 1; Winters, 5; Newman, 2; Wadsworth, 2. Free throws—Arrowsmith 1; Newman, 1. Wadsworth, 2. Referee—Lipe (Millikin).

Wants Games

The Missouri State Life Insurance basketball team of Assumption wants to schedule games with fast independent teams during the month of January and will play on any night during the week. Managers should address H. F. Fultz, manager of the team, at Assumption, Illinois.

A Lawyer's Love.

Judge—"Harold, do you love me? Do I come before everybody?"

"I'll say you do," declared the young lawyer. "You are the party of the first part."

The Screen

Nazimova will screen "Regina," Herman Sudermann's story, after she completes the repertoire film of "A Doll's House" and "Salome." She has purchased film rights to "The World Illusion," the lengthy Wasserman story, and expects to translate it into celluloid.

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Sessue Hayakawa's name in Japanese means "Land of Snow" and "Quick River."

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Tod Sloan is featured in "Fire Fly," screen version of a Zane Grey race track story.

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E. K. Lincoln has been added to the support of Hope Hampton in her current production

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Jack Holt's favorite reading is old English hunting stories, yet he neither hunts nor fishes

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Edith Hallor is playing opposite House Peters in "Human Hearts," directed by King Baggot.

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Harold Lloyd is supported by a cast of 600 in "He Who Hesitates," his next comedy which was originally entitled "White Feather."

"Manslaughter," Alice Duer Miller's latest novel, will be screened by Cecil DeMille upon his return from Europe, two months hence.

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More negotiations have been started by producers to buy the film rights to "Main Street" from the Shuberts, who are producing the stage version of Sinclair Lewis' best seller. A screen version may not be made until road and stock companies have established a wider reputation of the play.

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Chicago, Dec. 31—Following is the range of prices with yesterday's close:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes
RYE—					
May	86½@.....	88	86½	88	88
WHEAT—					
Dec	...110¼@113⅛	113¼	106½	107½	110½
May	...115 @114¼	115¾	114¼	115⅝	115⅝
July	...103¼@102	104⅛	102	101	104
CORN—					
Dec	... 46½@.....	47	46⅛	46⅝	47⅛
May	... 54⅛@ 53½	54½	53½	53½	53⅞
July	... 54⅜@ 51½	55⅜	54½	54⅝	55½
OATS—					
Dec	... 32¼@ 32¼	32¾	32½	32½	33
May	... 38 @ 38⅛	38⅝	38	38⅝	38⅞
July	... 30 @ 35⅝	80½	35⅝	30¾	35⅝
PORK—					
Jan	1475@.....	1480	1475	1480	1493
LARD—					
Jan	... 885@ 880	890	885	870	870
May	... 900@.....	907	897	907	907
RIBS—					
Jan	... 770@.....	780	770	780	775
May	... 805@.....	805	795	795	797

ST. LOUIS FUTURES.

St. Louis Dec. 31—	Close
December wheat	111½
May wheat	115⅝
December corn	46¾
May corn	52¾
December oats	36
May oats	40

LIVE STOCK

Cleveland Live Stock.

Cleveland, Dec. 31—Bower and Bower report: Hogs, receipts 1,500 head; top $8.50, cattle, receipts 300 head; dull; $8.00; sheep, receipts 500 head; steady; $4.00; lambs, receipts 500 head; steady; $11.75; calves 100 head; lower; 12.50.

Peoria Live Stock.

Peoria, Dec. 31—HOGS—Receipts 800 head; higher to 15@10c up. Lights 6.90 @7.35; mediums 6.90@7.25, heavies 6.75@ 7.00; packing 5.25@5.85.

CATTLE—Receipts 100 head; active; calves steady to strong; others 25@50c lower and slow.

Chicago Live Stock

Chicago, Dec. 31—CATTLE—Receipts 1,000 head; compared with week ago: beef steers and desirable light heifers mostly 25c to 50c higher; cow stuff mostly 25c higher; bulls 50c higher; light and handyweight veal calves 75c to $1.25 higher; stockers and feeders steady.

HOGS—Receipts 8,000 head; 25 to 40c higher than yesterday's average; shippers extensive buyers taking around 12,000 packers refused to follow: top $7.90 for 140 to 150 pound average, bulk 170 to 200 pound weights $7.20@7.75; 200 to 250 pound weights $6.75@7.00; holdover moderate; pigs $8.00 very scarce.

SHEEP—Receipts 3,000 head; nearly all packers direct; compared with week ago: fat lambs 25 to 35c higher; fat sheep, yearlings and feeder lambs mostly 50c higher.

East St. Louis Live Stock.

East St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 31— CATTLE —Receipts 200 head; compared to week ago: steers steady; heifers 25c higher; cows and canners 10 to 15c higher; bulls 50c higher; light veal calves $3.00 higher; stockers and feeders steady.

HOGS—Receipts 7,500 head; closing unevenly 10 to 25c higher; top $8.00, bulk 170 pounds averages $7.75@8.00; practical butcher top $7.25; bulk 190 to 240 pounds averages $8.85@7.50; heavies $7.30 @7.75; packer sows steady $5.75@6.00; pigs 15 to 25c lower; $6.50@8.00; quality good; clearance good

SHEEP—Receipts 500 head; receipts all direct and the market compared to a week ago: generally 25c higher.

Indianapolis Live Stock.

Indianapolis, Dec. 31—HOGS—Receipts 2,500 head; market steady to 10c higher; top $8.25.

Kansas City Live Stock.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 31—CATTLE—Receipts 350 head; for week: beef steers steady to 25c lower; top $8.25; canners, fat she-stock and fat cows and heifers mostly steady; bulls 25@40c higher; calves mostly 50c higher; stockers and feeders strong to 25c higher; fat calves 25 to 50c higher.

HOGS—Receipts 1,000 head; slow mostly 15@25c lower than yesterday's packer market; best 210 to 200 pound weights $6.80@6.90; top $6.90; bulk of sales $6.40 @6.80; packers sows steady mostly $5.50 @5.75.

SHEEP—Receipts 1,000 head; for week: killing classes generally 25 to 40c higher; top lambs $11.30; feeding lambs 25@50c higher.

HOGS—Receipts 1,000 head; slow mostly 15@25c lower than yesterday's packer market; best 210 to 200 pound weights $6.80@6.90; top $6.90; bulk of sales $6.40 @6.80; packers sows steady mostly $5.50@ 5.75.

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PRODUCE

Chicago Produce.

Chicago, Dec. 31—BUTTER — Lower creamery extras 38c; firsts 32@38c; seconds 29@31c; standards 38c

EGGS—Lower; receipts 9,171 cases; firsts 43@44c; ordinary firsts 37@37c; miscellaneous 38@39c; refrigerator firsts 33@ 35c.

POULTRY—Alive: higher; fowls 17@25c springs 23c; turkeys 38c, roosters 16c.

POTATOES—Receipts 31 cars; total U. S. shipments 363 cars; market dull; no sales.

New York Produce.

New York, Dec. 31—BUTTER—Steady; receipts 6,121; creamery higher than extras 40@40½; creamery extras (92 score) 39½; firsts (88 to 91 score) 35@39, packing stock current make No. 2, 25

EGGS—Weak; receipts 16,574; fresh gathered extras firsts 48@49; do firsts 46@47.

CHEESE—Steady; receipts 1,010; state whole milk flats fresh specials 21½@22; do average run 20½@21; state whole milk twins specials 21½@22; do average run 20½@21.

Live poultry unquoted; dressed poultry steady, prices unchanged.

New York Sugar.

New York, Dec. 31—Raw sugar firm at 1.1-16 for old crop Cubas cost and freight equal to 3.42 for centrifugal. Refined quiet and unchanged.

Bank Conditions.

New York, Dec. 31.—The actual condition of the clearinghouse banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold $17,166,220 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is a decrease of $11,217,470 from last week.

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GRAIN

Peoria Cash Grain.

Peoria, Dec. 31—CORN—Receipts 26 cars; unchanged; No 3 yellow 45¼; No. 4 yellow 45¼.

OATS—Receipts 12 cars; unchanged; No. 3 white 33@34.

Toledo Seeds.

Toledo, Dec. 31—CLOVER: Cash—December 14.00; January, February 13.50; March 13.50; April 12.90.

TIMOTHY—Cash: December and January 3.12½; February 3.17½; March 3.25.

Chicago Cash Market

Chicago, Dec. 31—Cash WHEAT—No. 2 hard 1.16½; No. 1 dark northern 1.35.

CORN—No. 2 mixed 48; No. 3 mixed 47@47½; No. 2 yellow 48@48¾; No. 3 yellow 47@47½; No. 4 yellow 46@47; No. 3 white 47@47½; No. 4 white 46@46¾; sample grade white 43½

OATS—No. 2 white 35⅞@36½; No. 3 white 33¾@34; No. 4 white 32¾@33½.

RYE—Nominal.
BARLEY—Nominal.
TIMOTHY SEED—5.00@6.10.
CLOVER SEED—12.50@18.00.
PORK—Nominal.
LARD—Loose, 8.07.
RIBS—7.25@8.25.

Kansas City Cash.

Kansas City, Dec. 31—Cash WHEAT—No. 1 hard 1.07@1.15; No. 2 red 1.35.

CORN—No. 2 white 41½; No. 2 yellow 42.

OATS—No. 2 white 34, No. 2 mixed 33@34.

WHEAT PRICES CLOSED LOWER

Corn Was Heavy At End of Session.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Wheat and all other grains were unsettled in the early trading on the Chicago Board of Trade today. Liquidation of life holdings of E. W. Wagner and company which firm went into receiver's hands yesterday, made the market nervous and jumpy but there was some fairly good early support and the result was less disquieting than had been anticipated in some quarters.

LOSES SLIGHTLY.

December wheat started unchanged at $1.07 to $1.07½ and hung there until near the end of the first hour when it lost ½c. May opened ⅝c to ⅞c lower at $1.14¾ to $1.15 and settled at around $31.14¾. July began 1c to 1⅛c lower at $1.02 to $1.03 and then unchanged at $1.03⅞.

Corn opened ¼c higher to a cent lower with December at 46½c; May at 53½c to 54¾c and July at 54½c to 54⅝c. Not all the Wagner holdings came out at the opening, some of them holding for a rally but some of this selling and this caused a slight reaction in corn. At the end of an hour December 47c, May 54c and July 55½c.

Trading quieted down until near the close when final Wagner transactions and year-end evening up caused some further fluctuations. At the end December was down to $1.07½, May was unchanged from yesterday's close and July was ⅝c net lower at 54⅝c.

OATS FOLLOWS CORN.

Oats followed corn, the start was ⅝c to a cent lower with December 32¼c to 32¾c, May 38c to 38⅛c and July 38⅜c to 39c.

Corn was heavy at the close with December quoted at 46⅝c; May 53⅝ @53¾c and July at 51⅞c.

Provisions were also offset by the general liquidation, January and March lard losing initial gains. The strength in live hogs had little effect in the face of pit conditions.

MINNEAPOLIS FLOUR.

Minneapolis, Dec. 31—Flour unchanged to 20c lower. Family patents 7.00@7.10 a bbl. in 98 pound cotton sacks.

CHICAGO CARS.

Chicago, Dec. 31—	Rcts	Cont.	Estd.	Yr. Ago
Wheat	11	3	11	Holiday
Corn	227	133	227	
Oats	89	74	80	

NEW YORK SILVER.

New York, Dec. 31—Foreign bar silver 61¾; Mexican dollars 49½.

ST. LOUIS HAY.

St. Louis, Dec. 31—Sales: Timothy—One car standard at $19. 1 car do at $20. Clover-mixed—Part car musty at $13. 1 car No. 2 at $16. Alfalfa—Three cars No. 2 at $17. 2 cars No. 1 at $25.50.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

New York, Dec. 31—Foreign exchange firm.

Great Britain demand 4.21; cables 4.21½; France demand 8.15, Italy demand 4.36; Belgium demand 7.74½; Germany demand .341; Holland demand 38.03; Norway demand 16.05, Sweden demand 25.20; Denmark demand 20.30; Switzerland demand 19.48; Spain demand 14.86; Argentine demand 33.62; Greece demand 4.20; Brazil demand 12.75; Montreal .95.

YEAR'S BUSINESS CLOSES QUIET--DUN

Retail Holiday Trade Was Heavier.

New York, Dec. 31.—Dun's today says:

A year which has been marked by general economic readjustment comes to its closing with quietness in business the present week, but with promise of improvement to follow. While the seasonal lull has been somewhat more pronounced than usual much has been accomplished in the way of strengthening the fundamental situation. Final estimates of crops, smaller yields and lower prices have had its effects on all business enterprises. The volume of retail holiday trade, however, was heavier than anticipated in various places and offerings of goods at more attractive prices which are beginning to appear in different quarters may be expected to accelerate distribution.

Weekly bank clearings $4,978,000,000.

CORN DOWN TO 36; OATS UNCHANGED

Eggs Make Three Cent Recovery.

Corn is still very weak and local buyers are offering only thirty-six cents a bushel now.

"Nobody is selling any at the price," said one dealer, "but as the market now stands that is all that we can offer. While the price was at forty cents there was considerable selling but every farmer who can hold his corn now is holding rather than selling at the present figures—and he should hold it," he concluded.

Hogs were rather erratic during the day but the market firmed before the close and no change was made in local quotations.

Eggs re-acted somewhat from the low prices quoted Friday and shippers are offering from thirty-eight to forty cents a dozen.

No. 3 corn	.36
Oats	.25

Live Stock

(Quoted daily by Danzeisen Packing Co.)

Heavy sows	4.75@ 5.00
Choice young hogs, 175-225 lbs	6.25@ 7.00
Choice young hogs, 250-300 lbs	6.25@ 6.50
Choice steers 700-900 lbs	8.00@ 8.50
Medium steers 700-900 lbs	5.50@ 6.00
Choice heifers 700-800 lbs	6.00@ 6.50
Good heifers 700-800 lbs	5.50@ 6.00
Choice cows, 800-1000 lbs	5.00@ 5.50
Medium cows, 800-1000 lbs	4.00@ 5.00
Canners and cutters	2.00@ 3.00
Bulls	4.50@ 5.00
Spring lambs	6.00@ 7.00
Veal calves	6.00@ 8.00

Butter and Eggs

Eggs	.38
Shipping butter	.18
Butter fat	.30

Poultry

Hens, small	18.
Hens, heavy	.21
Springs, 4½ lbs or over	.21
Small springs	.18
Cocks	.12
Young turkeys, 8 lbs and over	.35
Ducks, large	.20
Geese	.18
Indian Runner ducks	.14
Live pigeons	.75

Hides

Cured beef, No. 1	.06
Green	.06½
Horse hides	2.75

BEARS HAVE WHEAT LEAD FOR THE WEEK

Corn Off from ⅞ to 1⅞ Cents.

Chicago, Dec. 31—Government crop reports that were construed as bearish regarding wheat and were accompanied by the failure of an important firm here have been effective this week in putting wheat values on the downgrade. Compared with a week ago, wheat this morning was ½@2½ lower, corn off ⅞ to 1⅞c, and oats varying from ⅞c decline to ⅜c advance. Net changes in provisions ranged from 12 cents loss to 10c gain.

VISIBLE SUPPLY INCREASED.

Announcement of an increase of the weekly total of the domestic visible supply was a decrease had been looked for preceded the government crop reports and tended to give the bears in wheat an additional advantage. Many traders had anticipated that the government's 1921 crop estimate would be enlarged, but few had expected that the increase would prove so great as turned out to be the case.

SELLING FREE AFTER REPORT

Furthermore, as a rule, the subsequent figures which the government issued regarding the 1922 crop took the trade by surprise. Free selling which followed included heavy liquidation on the part of a large house the suspension of which was announced later. The best rallies of the week were due to indications that besides corn a large amount of wheat would be bought for Russian relief.

Depression of corn was more or less due to prospective increased receipts as a result of reduced freight rates. Bullish supply reports held oats comparatively steady.

Provisions averaged lower with hogs.

UNEVEN PRICE MARKS STOCK YEAR CLOSE

Speculative Issues Only Interesting Ones.

New York, Dec. 31.—Moderate dealings and uneven price movements featured the close of the year on the Stock Exchange. Few leaders of the railway and industrial division registered more than nominal changes. Interest and activity centered in speculative oils, steels, equipments, chemicals and specialties, comprising the mail order and textile groups. Advances of one to two points in some of those shares were balanced by reactions of the same extent, but the market steadied on short covering in the later dealings. Sales approximated 400,000 shares.

The bond market was dull and featureless.

LOCAL TRAPPING YIELDS MANY FURS

Small Bundle Mink Pelts Bring $57.

"Just paid this man $57 for this small package," remarked John Rogers Decatur's expert trapper and fur buyer as he held up a small bundle which appeared to be about large enough to hold a man's shirt.

In the bundle were mink skins which the other man had secured in trapping near Decatur. They were, of course, of fine quality, glossy with the finish of the fur bearing animals at this season of the year.

The trapper said that he caught many mink, muskrat and opossum around and near Decatur.

Skunks are also found quite frequently in this section of the country but as they are usually found about barns and farm houses the ordinary trapper does not get them.

"One man brought me twenty-nine skunk skins the other day" said Mr Rogers, who now buys more furs than he traps.

GERMANY SHOULD PAY TO EXTENT OF ABILITY

Remission of Allied Debts Unwise — Steady but Moderate Progress Expected

By John Stites

President, Louisville Trust Co.

(1) I look for steady but moderate progress during 1922.

(2) I do not look for boom revival of business.

(3) No.

(4) I do not look for much change. Agricultural products, I think, will advance and manufactures are apt to come lower.

(5) Substantial increase.

(6) I think the terms of repayment should be made more reasonable, but I see no good to come from a remission of the debts.

(7) I think our Government should take a position favoring just or even liberal treatment of Germany, but Germany ought to be held to a fair and just reparation to the extent of her ability for her crime against humanity.

PHILADELPHIA SEES GOOD YEAR AHEAD

Past Twelve Month One of Liquidation and Readjustment

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30—A close picture of the situation in Philadelphia reveals remarkable improvement in the latter part of the year and a conviction that 1922 is destined to bring a gradual quickening of the forward pace. As a whole, the year was not a good one. The turnover in business was approximately five billion dollars less than in 1920, and two billion below 1919.

An increase of 100 per cent in business mortalities was disclosed, with liabilities of almost $12,000,000, and assets of less than $5,000,000. This means nearly double the aggregate of the preceding twelve months. The letdown in trade, however, was withstood far better than business men or bankers believed would be possible, and the end of the year finds the great menace — an overextended, banking situation — entirely corrected.

BANKS HELPED

Had it not been for quiet support of banking institutions, the picture would have been a more dismal one. For nine months during 1921 the process of economic readjustment was almost continuous. Wholesale prices fell about 40 per cent on the average, compared with the peak of 1920, but as the year's end approached greater price stabilization was in evidence.

This turn cheered sentiment, but the feeling is still one of caution and reluctance to buy beyond actual requirements. The impressive feature is that retail stocks are estimated as 16 per cent less than a year ago, a fact that was looked upon as holding out prospects of broadening in manufacturing operations.

OUTLOOK FOR 1922

There is almost unanimity of belief that the country will enjoy substantial improvement in the coming twelve months. Few look for extraordinary prosperity but nearly every banker and manufacturer expects a gradual rise in commodity prices. The impression is that the retail business will not have phenomenal breadth.

Lines to Regret.

Irish World: Husband—If a man steals—no matter what it is—he will live to regret it.

Wife—During our courtship you used to steal kisses from me.

Husband—Well, you heard what I said.

ACUTE DEPRESSION IN OCEAN SHIPPING

Values Drop and Many Vessels Tied Up.

By E. S. Gregg.

The year 1921 may be called the morning after the night before for ocean shipping. The revelry of soaring freight rates and ship values, which ended abruptly in the summer of 1920, had inevitably to be followed by the headache of precipitately falling rates and large losses from operations.

TONNAGE GROWS AS RATES DROP

The conspicuous events in shipping during 1921 were the large increase in tonnage in the face of reactionary rates, the spectacular drop in ship values, the slow downward movement of rates in all directions accompanied by an increase in idle tonnage to around 10 million gross tons, the sale by the British Government of its share of ex-enemy ships, and in this country the organization and activities of the newly appointed Shipping Board.

The world's steam tonnage, exclusive of the United States vessels on the Great Lakes rose to 56.7 million gross tons in 1921, or 4.9 million within twelve months, and 13.4 million since the outbreak of the war. The 11.5 million-ton increase in United States ocean-going steamers accounted for 86 per cent of the world increase during the seven-year period. While the growth in tonnage is large, in view of the diminished ocean-borne trade of the world, the effective increase is smaller than the figures indicate. Wood and composite steamers increased 18 million tons between 1914 and 1921, and most of them, certainly the 700,000 tons belonging to the Shipping Board, will have to be scrapped.

HUGE TONNAGE TIED UP.

The continued drop in rates, accompanied by only small reductions in operating expenses, caused the tying up of hundreds of steamers in addition to the large number idle at the beginning of the year. Soon after the newly appointed Shipping Board began functioning, drastic withdrawals of Government tonnage were made, so that only 300 of the 1,500 Government-owned steel steamers are now actively employed. Private American companies have also been forced to tie up many vessels, and various estimates place the total idle tonnage in the world at approximately 10,000,000 gross tons.

SHIPPING BOARD CUTS LOSSES.

The outstanding event in American shipping during the year was the formation of the new Shipping Board. The new board has turned over the operation of ships to the Emergency Fleet Corporation, which is now headed by high priced, experienced men. The new management of the Emergency Fleet Corporation has adopted the policy of reducing to a minimum the number of companies operating Shipping Board vessels out of each port, to avoid competition between Government-owned ships, and has withdrawn from active trading many ships which were incurring large losses.

Efforts are being made to place the establishment and maintenance of steamship services on a scientific basis—a hopeful sign for the taxpayer and the industries vitally interested in foreign trade.

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CANADA MAKING RECOVERY SLOWLY

TORONTO, Dec. 29.— With a clearer vision of her own strength and weakness gained from the experience of the past year of readjustment, Canada is now better prepared than she was even six months ago to meet the uncertainties of a continued period of deflation.

Through many checks to progress, unwelcome enough at the time, she has escaped the difficulty most feared by our saner financial critics — namely the untimely return of business activity before readjustment had fully completed its course.

SOME EXPERIENCES

The exclusion of our agricultural products from your markets has prevented what might have become an unwise dependence upon a competitor, and has, incidentally, given the port of Montreal twice as much business as that of any other year; while both your Fordney Tariff bill and the temporary loss of the English market for our butter, cheese, and bacon have aided in materially reducing the cost of foodstuffs at a time when the older prices might have represented starvation to our unemployed industrial workers. Even the disastrous experiment of one of our largest and oldest pulp and paper companies in greatly enlarging its plant just when peak prices prevailed proved a necessary lesson to others less financially able to stand such a loss.

TAXES ARE HEAVY

The weaknesses in our financial situation are of several different kinds. First, there is our heavy taxation, as the result of a national debt larger than that of 1914 by $300 per capita. Many cities, notably Toronto, have doubled their taxes since the war began, while both the Dominion and the municipality impose a tax on the same income.

SLOW RECOVERY EXPECTED

While very chary of making any forecast of the future, our best financial authorities expect only very slow recovery with occasional up and down movements. The improvement noted in midautumn was not maintained during the last six weeks of the year in spite of the stimulus of the Christmas trade. Therefore, a dull first quarter of the new year is predicted with much greater unemployment than at present, owing to the restrictions that our winter climate imposes upon outdoor work. Though stocks are fairly depleted in many retail lines, not much retail activity can be expected in the new year until commodity prices are reduced much lower than at present.

Just when deflation will be completed in Canada no one can safely predict, but it is expected not to occur before recovery has definitely begun on your side of the line.

DETROIT IS ONLY MILDLY OPTIMISTIC

Improved Banking And Less Unemployment.

Detroit, Dec. 29 — The viewpoint of Detroit at this time may be said to be conservatively optimistic. The belief is that a definite improvement has been made and that the prospects for next year are for fair business. Comparison of business in the closing months of 1921 with the final months of 1920 shows that the trend is upgrade.

Business men here, however, are disposed to proceed with caution, as it is believed that readjustment is still far from completed. There are European questions which may yet have a disturbing effect upon trade and industry in this country. The situation in Germany is being watched with interest. It looks to observers here as though Germany is headed for financial collapse.

BANKING SATISFACTORY.

Present banking conditions are satisfactory. The reserve rate in this district shows that there is room for a considerable expansion of credit without any cause of uneasiness. Money is at hand for legitimate borrowers, and the interest rate approximates a level where it will encourage enterprise.

The banks have taken on some large burdens within the last year, but they are gradually being worked off. There have been several receiverships of importance in this district, but no disturbing bankruptcies.

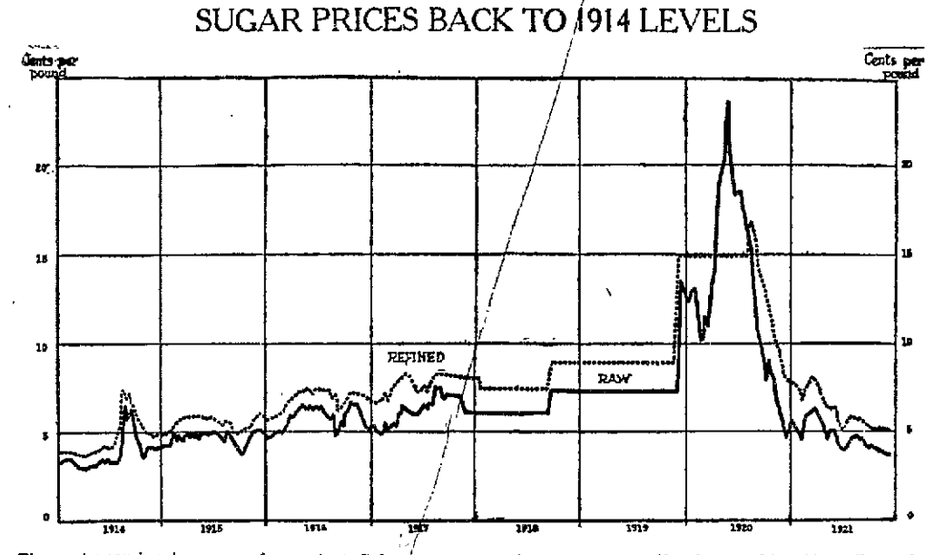
UNEMPLOYMENT ON THE WANE

Unemployment has decreased greatly from the figure reached a year ago this time. There has been an immense betterment in efficiency of labor. Work is of a better grade than in the flush days following the war and the production per man is greatly increased. Wages have been reduced.

Naturally the future of the motor-car industry is receiving much thought here. The general belief is that the business has far from completed its adjustment and that the next few years will see the elimination of some companies. Companies that have the greatest degree of integration are believed to have the greatest chance of success. Substantial price reductions are looked for at the time of the New York show.

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SUGAR PRICES BACK TO 1914 LEVELS



The past year has been one of secondary deflation in the sugar industry. Subsequent to the collapse of the wild speculation of 1920, a feeble rally occurred in the spring of 1921. Failure of the plan for holding the last Cuban crop was, however, reflected in lower prices during the summer. A renewed decline late in the year corresponded to the beginning of grinding on the new Cuban crop. That island meanwhile has suffered a crushing blow. Fear of an uncontrolled market probably has done more damage than would have occurred if the market had been allowed to move naturally.

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Local Notices

DANCE TONIGHT.

Eagles' Hall, Kerske's Orchestra from Springfield will furnish the music. Starting 8:30. Also watch party.

Carnival Ball and Watch Party
PRIZE WALTZ

Headquarters Armory. Saturday night, 8:30 to 11:30, Admission 40c.

NEW ENGLAND HAD AN ACTIVE YEAR

Plants Running and Liquidation Nearing an End.

Boston, Dec. 30—After a period of readjustment, New England feels that we are heading in the right direction. Manufacturers have been running in the face of light demand and have been more or less puzzled in forecasting prices of raw material. Seasonal sales have been below normal. On the whole 1921 business has been more healthy than 1920. Prices are not yet stabilized.

However, the banking situation is strong. Money is abundant. With a reduction in the most of labor and railroad freights and taxation, legislation that will improve the foreign exchange situation, there will be a feeling that the situation will be encouraging. Constructive influences are at work.

ENCOURAGEMENT.

It may be inferred from the above that the year closes in a way far from satisfactory. Yet on the whole the general feeling is one of encouragement. Constructive influences are at work in the shape of increasing bank resources, a progressive elimination of the weaker elements in the industrial situation, the growing confidence that the cost of production will be drastically reduced in the not remote future, the fact that intolerable taxation seems likely to make the people take the bull by the horns in the matter of Government expenditure, and the clearer recognition that we must trade on a larger scale with the rest of the world and must grant it a great amount of credit in so doing. For six years we have been a creditor instead of a debtor nation, but have not known how to play the part. It is hoped that we shall make measurable progress in the next six months in that respect.

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INDIA'S TRADE PROSPECTS GOOD

Excellent Crops Forecast For 1922.

By C. C. Latour.

It is seldom recognized that the prosperity of the United States is indirectly bound up with that of India. Our raw cotton, however, finds its principal market in Great Britain, where it is manufactured into piece goods for shipment to India. If India cannot buy piece goods, then British textile mills will not consume much of our cotton, which directly affects the prosperity of the South and indirectly that of other sections of the country.

India is Great Britain's principal export market, and during the first nine months of 1921 she took 16 per cent of Great Britain's total domestic exports. Great Britain's total exports to India during this period amounted to £80,925,000, of which 81 per cent consisted of shipments of cotton piece goods. At the same time Great Britain's imports of raw cotton from the United States amounted to £27,527,000, about 13 per cent of her total purchases in this country, and about equal to her shipments of cotton piece goods to India, which amounted to £25,086,000. It is apparent, therefore, that the trade position of India has a marked effect upon business conditions in this country.

FAVORABLE MONSOON

During the past year, however, the monsoon was favorable and the rainfall was deficient in only seven of the thirty-three districts into which India is divided.

The harvesting of the wheat crop will not start until next March, but recent reports state that the outlook is good. Early forecasts for the sesamum, groundnut, and indigo crops, moreover, show that the acreage is above that of last year. On the whole, therefore, India should have a considerable volume of produce for export this year.

Should India establish a favorable balance of trade, a rise in the exchange value of the rupee would naturally ensue. By and large, the outlook for India's trade and exchange is indeed encouraging.

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE TO WORLD BY RADIO

Chicago, Dec. 31—World-wide New Year messages on international good will are to be sent out to the amateur radio telephone owners tonight by Dr. John Timothy Stone of the Fourth Presbyterian church; Prof. W. Lee Lewis of Northwestern University, Mrs. Raymond Robbins, Bishop Charles Anderson, Senator France and President Noel of the Chicago Association of Commerce. The Westinghouse radio telephone will broadcast these messages.

They Come Home to Roost.

Judge — "What makes Budkins such a sad bird nowadays?"

"Paying the bills for his wife's fine feathers."

CHICAGO OPEN TOWN TO ALL PLUMBER

Outside Workers to Be Imported.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Outside plumbing contractors from half a dozen adjacent cities will be brought into Chicago to operate under the terms of the Landis building trades award, the Citizens' Committee to Enforce the Landis Award announced last night after the Chicago master plumbers association had refused to declare a stand.

IS OPEN TOWN.

"Chicago is an open town from now on as far as the work of the Citizens' Committee and its supporters are concerned," P. W. Armstrong, general manager, said, "we have been in touch with several large plumbing firms who have done big jobs in other cities and have been assured of their interest in the Chicago situation.

"The 'Chinese wall' described by the Dailey legislative commission as existing in Chicago is broken as far as the plumbing industry is concerned.

How are the Roads?

Shelbyville—Roads improving.

Tuscola—Main roads fairly good, side roads rough and muddy.

Niantic—Roads rough in places.

Sullivan—Oiled roads in good condition: dirt roads rough and muddy.

Marna—Oiled roads in fine condition for traffic.

STATE REPORT.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 31.—The oiled highways of central Illinois were frozen rough Friday morning, but with the expected warm weather they probably will be muddy Saturday. The oiled roads are generally quite good. The hard roads are now entirely free from ice. A rain or snow is expected up to Saturday night. From Urbana to Danville use the Urbana-Homer oiled road, then north 2½ miles to Ogden, then pavement to Danville. From Virginia to Beardstown, travel to Chandlerville.

CLARENCE J. ROOT,
Meterologist.

MISS CARVETH GIVES PARTY FOR PUPILS

Cerro Gordo, Dec. 31.—Miss L. Carveth entertained fifty-one of her former pupils Wednesday afternoon at a party. The afternoon was spent in games, readings, music and story telling.

Mrs. John Wine of Ohio is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. George Garver.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McClure entertained a number of their friends at an oyster supper Wednesday evening in honor of their twenty-third wedding anniversary.

Frank Purcell, who works for N. Mikels, spent Christmas with his wife and baby, who are visiting Mrs. Purcell's mother at Brazil, Ind.

S. J. Still and family of Urbana were guests of George E. Dobson and family Christmas day and several days the first of the week. Mr. Still is a salesman in the Robeson store in Champaign.

Mrs. E. T. Gossett and family, Mrs. Sarah McKee and Ira Cripe spent Christmas in Decatur with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Robbins.

Wayne Brenneman, who is attending school at Champaign, is at home this week with his mother, Mrs. Clara Brenneman.

Ernest Fausler of Wanatah, Ind., visited the Victor Morville family here the first of the week.

Francis Carroll is spending the week with relatives in Clinton, Ind.

Miss Gertrude Bond of Shelbyville is visiting Miss Irene Wells.

Lewis W. Wise of Watseka was here Wednesday to help his father celebrate their birthdays, the birth days of both being Dec. 28.

George H. Styan has returned from Mississippi where he has been the last two months, looking after his cotton crop.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Calver of Springfield are spending the week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Calver.

O. H. East fell at his home Thursday evening and has been confined to his home since that time.

T. A. Wood of Nebraska is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wood.

Mrs. C. A. Zinn and son of Ilo are visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Walter Wallick of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., spent Christmas day with his parents. He is manager of the Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune.

Mr. and Mrs. William Keuster, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hosch of Danville and George Creech of Monticello visited Mr. and Mrs. Amos Wrightsman this week.

William Longanecker entertained some of his children and their families at Christmas dinner. Those present were Miles Scott and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson and Alvin Cable, southwest of Cerro Gordo, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Longanecker, Jr., and Mrs. Philip Wheeler of near Cerro Gordo.

NINETY-FOUR YEARS OLD.

Mrs. R. C. Blood, who makes her home with her son, Robert Blood just north of town, observed her ninety-fourth birthday last Sunday. A number of friends and neighbors called on her during the day. She was well remembered with flowers and many presents. At noon she was able to walk to the dinner table, in the center of which was a large cake with ninety-four candles on it.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Templeton of McCune, Kan., are visiting the Frazier sisters this week.

Divorce Cases.

Mayme B. Bramble has filed a bill for divorce from Elmer F. Bramble on the ground of cruelty.

William E. Stewart asks for a divorce from Lucile Stewart on the ground of drunkenness.

Laurena A. Birks has filed a bill for divorce from Roy E. Birks on the ground of desertion.

Herman Zick asks for a divorce from Anna E. Zick on the ground of desertion.

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NEW TRIALS DENIED AT MONTICELLO

Judge Boggs Holds Short Session of Court.

Monticello, Dec. 31—Circuit court was in session Friday, with Judge Franklin H. Boggs presiding. In addition to the decision of the court dismissing the indictments for embezzlement and receiving deposits while the Merchants and Farmers State Bank of Sullivan was insolvent returned against Z. B. Whitfield, and the action of State's Attorney Wehrenhoff in entering a nolle of several indictments charging false reports to the state auditor, the motion for new trial in the cases of David J. Cahill vs. James Phalen and C. F. Schaler et al. vs. Illinois Central Railroad company and Wabash Railway company, were denied.

Circuit court adjourned until Jan. 14, when the cases of the October term will be cleared up.

Dr. J. H. McNutt of Hammond transacted business here Friday.

Robert Plunk and A. T. Smothers of Mansfield were business visitors here Friday.

MRS. PAUL DIES.

Mrs. Mary A. Paul died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harriett Vanderhuyden in Mt. Carroll, Ill., Wednesday evening, Dec. 28. She is the mother of Mrs. F. A. Bloyer of this city and is well known to many Monticello folks from her many visits to the Bloyer home. Owing to the condition of Mrs. Bloyer's health she was unable to attend the funeral, which was held Saturday morning at Mt. Carroll.

Silas Yockey and son, Cecil went to La Salle Thursday for a week-end visit with relatives.

PARKER-SCHWARTZ.

Miss Irene Parker of Monticello and Andrew Schwartz of Springfield were married Thursday evening in Decatur by the Rev. R. E. Henry at the Christian parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes of Decatur witnessed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Parker of this city. She has been employed at the telephone office. The groom is the son of Mrs. Haagan Schwartz of Champaign, former resident of Monticello. Both of the young folks are well known here and have a large number of friends.

They probably will make their home in Springfield where the bridegroom has a position in a jewelry store.

Mrs. Florence Purcell of Urbana, who has been the guest of her cousin, Miss Pearle Martin the last few days, has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Shonkwiler have returned to their home in Joplin, Mo., after an extended visit at the Shonkwiler home on East Lafayette street.

Emil Zybell of Chicago is here with his father, August Zybell who is ill.

Andrew Bighton was a Decatur visitor Thursday.

William Gleiser of Goshen, Ind., is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Frank Hetlshec, and family.

Mrs Charles Anderson and Mrs. Alan Ander on spent Thursday in Decatur.

Mrs. Fred Brosback and niece, Miss Elva Webb, were the guests of White Heath friends Friday.

Mrs. Mae Bush of Decatur is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. F. Rhodes.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn R. Pinkard were shoppers in Decatur Thursday.

Charles Gale of Decatur spent Thursday here with his mother, who is seriously ill at her home on East Washington street.

WATCH PARTY.

All the young people's societies of the churches in Monticello will hold a watch party in the parlors of the Methodist church Saturday evening. The hours are from 8:30 p. m. until midnight. A good program has been prepared. Refreshments will be served.

METHODIST CHURCH.

9:45 a. m. Sunday school. 11:00 a. m. preaching. Sermon to children and young people of the church. Text will be the last verse of the thirteenth chapter of Mark's gospel. 5:30 p. m. social half hour. 6:00 p. m. Epworth League. 7:00 p. m. sermon, subject, "How Old Art Thou?" The orchestra will play at the Sunday school and at the evening service.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

9:45 a. m. Sunday school. 11:00 a. m. preaching theme, "The Sword of Eleazor," 6:00 p. m. Christian Endeavor, leader, Don Bowman. 7:00 p. m. Theme, "A New Year Prayer." Miss Margaret Duncan of Terre Haute, Ind., will sing in the church both morning and evening.

Elmer Marsh of Chicago spent Wednesday and Thursday with his aunt, Mrs. Milton Mitchell and family.

S. S. OFFICERS.

The following officers have been elected in the Methodist Sunday school, Mrs. J. W McCollister, superintendent; Harley Lemen, assistant superintendent; Doris Wildman, secretary; Susie Marquiss, treasurer; Ruth Mellaris, chorister; Doris Thompson, pianist; Harvey Harding, postmaster; Mrs. Elmer Clark, superintendent of Junior department; assistant, Mrs. Henry Melvin; Mrs. Earl Wenster, superintendent of primary department; assistant, Miss Della Evans; Ruth Mellaris, superintendent of beginners department; Mrs. J. H. Bennett, superintendent of Missionary work; George Harding, superintendent of temperance work; Mrs. Stephen Evans, superintendent of cradle roll; assistant, Mrs. Earl Norris, Mrs. F. A. Plunk, superintendent of home department; Mrs. I. A. Smith, secretary of home department.

Miss Lois DeBolt is passing the week-end with Champaign relatives.

Mrs. Emma Pierce of Aledo, Ill., and Mrs. Rachel Trent of Wapella, Ill., returned to their homes Thursday after a few days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson.

WILBUR BIESECKER DEAD NEAR LODGE

White Heath, Dec. 31—Wilbur Biesecker, the eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Biesecker, living near Lodge, died at his home at noon Monday. He had been operated on for appendicitis and before he fully recovered he developed typhoid fever which resulted in his death.

Funeral services were held in the Church of God at Lodge Wednesday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Kruzan.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blacker entertained at a family dinner Christmas.

Mrs. George Clouser is visiting her father near Farmer City.

Hamilton Spencer has returned from Indiana, where he has spent the last three weeks with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Madden were in Decatur Friday to visit Mrs. Fred Fitzwater at the Macon county hospital.

Herman Leishner has had a severe attack of appendicitis.

Mrs. Herschel Baker of Monticello was a visitor at the school here Friday.

Jewel Dilsaver who attends the U. of I. is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dilsaver.

Mrs. Dora Ebinger of Springfield spent Thursday here with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Dilsaver.

Mrs. Emma Plunk and daughter Hazel spent Sunday in Decatur with Mrs. Olin Carrick.

John Luscaleet has been ill.

Eunice O'Haron of Bartonville spent Monday here, the guest of her mother Mrs. D. W. Filer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Plummer of Champaign visited friends here over Sunday.

Pearle Furnish is visiting relatives at Granite City.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fitzwater of Monticello visited here last week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ernie Furnish.

Irvin Hickman is visiting relatives in Champaign.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Duvall and son Wayne, Reason Combes of Monticello and Mrs. Owen of St. Louis spent Wednesday here, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wrench.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McKinley, Mr. and Mrs. James George of St. Louis and Charles McKinley of Michigan are guests of their mother Mrs. Mary McKinley Christmas week. Mrs. McKinley will go to St. Louis to spend the winter.

Mrs. Homer McDonald of Champaign visited here Wednesday with her father, J. H. Luscaleet, who is ill.

Max Branch was a business visitor in Monticello Friday.

CHECKING IN NEW P. M. AT CLINTON

C. A. Cline Takes Full Charge Jan. 1.

Clinton, Dec. 31.—Charles A. Cline, for many years a leader of the Republican party in Dewitt county, is being checked in as postmaster at Clinton and will assume full charge Jan. 1.

Mr. Cline was assistant postmaster in the Clinton office for a number of years and gave up that office to accept the superintendency of the local Electric Light and Power company. This latter office he resigned about two months ago and immediately came rumors that he was to succeed E. F. Campbell as postmaster, the latter having taken the office temporarily after George B. Marvel's resignation a year ago.

It was not until two weeks ago that official confirmation of the appointment was published.

CLINTON GIRL WEDS.

News of the marriage of Miss Lydia Craig of Clinton and William Adams of Kenney, which occurred in Rockford last Saturday, Dec. 24, leaked out Friday when they returned to Kenney, where they expect to make their home. Mrs. Adams is the late J. R. Craig of Clinton, and has been employed as a bookkeeper for the Gene Owens transfer company for several months. Mr. Adams is proprietor of a garage in Kenney.

HAS CLOSE SHAVE.

A ford car, driven by one man at a speed fully 25 miles an hour, had a narrow escape from being demolished shortly after 1 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Washington street crossing, when Illinois Central train No. 120 was coming into the station. All curtains were down on the car and it was evident to witnesses that the driver either failed to look for approaching trains or ignored the crossing.

Engineer J. J. Tracey applied the emergency brake when he first observed the position of the car, coming to full stop within a short distance and missing the automobile by just a few inches.

Had it not been for the presence of mind of engineer Tracey a bad accident would have resulted. Efforts are being made to discover the identity of the autoist that action may be taken against him for reckless driving.

WILL OPERATE SPECIAL.

District Passenger Agent J. H. Lord has announced a special train service for returning Champaign University students Jan. 3.

The special will leave Springfield about 10:20 a. m., Clinton at 11:35 a. m. and arrive at Champaign at 12:15 p. m.

SUE FOR DIVORCE.

Mrs. Cora Hays, united in marriage twenty-one years ago at Salem, Ill., to Harley Hays of Odin has sued for divorce. The couple separated three years ago and the plaintiff claims defendant has willfully abscented himself since that time.

George Anspaugh has filed suit in the circuit court through Attorneys Herrick & Herrick asking for divorce from Edith V. Anspaugh. The defendant for several years was superintendent of Farmer City schools.

KENNEY GIRL MARRIES.

Miss Iva I. Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Walker, formerly of Kenney, was united in marriage Dec. 24, to Armin Kreiger at Melberina, Ohio, where they will make their home.

TO GIVE LECTURE.

Prof. Alfred H. Bergen, noted singer-instructor and leader of the Presbyterian choir in this city, will give a unique and unusual lecture at the church Sunday night on "The Relationship of Music and Religion."

During the progress of Mr. Bergen's talk the chorus choir will interpolate selections illustrative of the points he makes from time to time in his lecture, and Mr. Bergen also will sing a number of solos to emphasize the points which he wishes to bring out.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY.

Mrs. W. D. Storey, one of Dewitt county's oldest residents, celebrated her eighty-first birthday anniversary at her home at the end of West Main street, Thursday with a dinner, several friends and relatives being present. Mrs. Storey was born in Kentucky in 1840, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Lisenby and in 1844 came to Dewitt county where she had since made her home.

TAYLORVILLE LOSES AN AGED RESIDENT

Born, Married and Died in the Same House.

Taylorville, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Mary Hall-Dalby, widow of the late William E. Dalby, died at the family residence, one mile, east of this city, at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning, of heart failure, following an illness of about two weeks. She was 72 years old.

Mary Hall, daughter of Dixon and Mary Hall, pioneer residents of this community, was born Dec. 31, 1849. She was born, married and died in the Hall homstead, which was purchased by her husband from her brother in 1883.

She was married to William E. Dalby in 1875; after which they moved to Edinburg where they resided for eight years, or until the present home of Mrs. Dalby was purchased. She was an active member of the Methodist church.

Mrs. Dalby is survived by two sons, Dwight of Beatrice, Neb., William of Indianapolis and three daughters, Mrs. H. Dawson, Chicago and Loraine and Louise at home.

SERIOUS HURTS.

Joseph Collins had his nose and jaw broken Friday morning, while working in the Langley mine, two miles west of Taylorville. It was found necessary to use a jaw plate to hold the jaw in place. He is in St. Vincent hospital.

J. Albert Goodale of Blue Mound, employed at the Stonington mine, had his left leg broken Friday morning, from falling slate. He was brought to the St. Vincent hospital.

ROOF FIRE.

The fire department was called at 1:20 o'clock Friday afternoon to the residence of W. W. Watkins on South Webster.

The roof caught fire from sparks from the flue. Only a small hole was burned in the roof. The damage was about $25.

SURPRISE WEDDING.

Ed Winslow and Mrs. Ella Nicodemus, widow of the late Wesley Nicodemus sprung a surprise on their many friends, Thursday night, when they went quietly to the residence of Rev. E. Reed and were united in marriage.

The couple will make their home on South Cherokee street, where the bridegroom already has furnished a bungalow for his bride.

SULLIVAN TO HEAR EDWIN HARRIS BERG

Noted Musician Appears There Sunday.

Sullivan, Dec. 31.—The Methodist church of this city presents Edwin Harris Berg of Decatur in concert Sunday afternoon at 3:30, assisted by vocalists and organist.

The program will be of a sacred character. Mr. Berg is well known among the teachers and students, as he has given concerts here before. The admission will be free for the entertainment, but a silver offering will be taken to defray expenses. The program is as follows:

Humoresque, D'vorak; Traumerie, Schuman; Ave Marie, Mascagni; "I Love You Truly" Bond.

Vocal solo—Maiden's Wish, Chopin; Cavatina, Raff; Norwegian Melody, Ole Ball; Rosary, Nevin.

Vocal solo—Mother Machree; Lost Chord, Sullivan.

IN THE CHURCHES.

Christian Science—The Christian Science Society will meet Sunday at 1008 East Harrison street.

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Lesson Sermon, 10:45 a. m., subject "God."

Christian: Regular services will start at usual time.

Sunday school, 9:30.

Morning service, 10:45.

Christian Endeavor, 6:30.

Evening services, 7:30.

Methodist: The regular services of the Methodist church will be held Sunday the services are as follows:

Sunday school, 9:30.

Morning services, 10:45. subject "New Year's Sermon."

Epworth League, 6:30.

Evening service, 7:30; subject, "The Prize of the High Calling."

Presbyterian: Regular meeting of the Presbyterian church, will take place at usual time.

Sunday School, 9:30.

Morning services, 10:45; subject, "The Way to Happiness".

Evening services, 7:30; subject, "A New Way With A New Year."

G. O. P. MEET.

The Republican County Central committee will meet in the court house at 11:30 o'clock, Monday, Jan. 9, to plan for the township primaries in March. It is expected that Congressman Allan Moore of Monticello will have charge of the meeting.

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IT'S SMOOTH SAILING WHEN YOU READ THE BUSINESS LOG

At the end of every hour in the day and night the quartermaster on watch aboard United States Navy ships makes the necessary markings in the Log.

In the Log—or record book—he keeps hourly tab on the barometer's rise or fall, the direction of the wind and other weather conditions.

Here in Decatur it is not necessary for YOU to keep a Log of the buying and selling conditions. The classified ads in The Review do it for you.

They will readily tell you of the fluctuation or steadiness of prices in Decatur and from what direction the best offers are coming.

Read the classified ads!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ON AND AFTER date I will not be responsible for bills contracted by anyone except undersigned. Peter J. Dahm.

Lost and Found 10

BOSTON BULL DOG—Lost. One brown eye and one blue. Main 2735.

BROWN SILK BAG—Lost, containing money and owner's name. Reward. Main 467.

PHOTOGRAPHS — 4 with address of Litchfield on back. Return to Model Laundry.

PURSE—Brown leather lost in taxi Wednesday evening. Reward. Fairview 1531.

SPARE TIRE—Victor 34x4 on rim. Reward. Main 3143 or Main 80.

STEEL PULLEYS—Two, half inch, with piece of half inch rope attached. 475 W. Decatur. Main 847.

WRIST WATCH—Ladies, lost at or in front of Empress. Reward. Address Box 305, Morrisonville, Ill.

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CHEVROLET MODEL 490—Touring, first class condition or will trade for late model Ford roadster. Hays Garage, 350 Wabash Ave.

FORD TOURING—1920 Model. Self starter. In A-1 condition. A bargain. 517 Millikin Bldg. Main 736.

GOOD USED CARS—

1920 Ford Coupe, self starter.
1920 Ford Roadster, self starter.
1921 Oakland Roadster, new car.
Model 53 Cadillac Eight touring.
Model 51 Cadillac Eight Touring.
1918 Velie Six Touring.
1919 Oakland Roadster.
1918 Ford Touring.

R. B. BURNS.
Illinois Pioneer Used Car Dealer.
314-316-318 E. Main St.
Phone Main 4079.

USED CARS—
1918 Reo Six Touring.
1917 Chase Four Touring.
1917 Reo 4 Touring. Rex ten.
1917 Reo Light 4 Touring.
1915 Reo 6 Touring.
1919 Oldsmobile 1 ton truck.
Reo Motor Sales Co.

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TOURING CAR—Light six. Like new for equity in house or vacant lots. Fairview 50.

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AUTO PARTS—Overland, Ford, Maxwell. Open evenings. All day Sun. Packard St. Garage, 146 E. Packard. M. 2783.

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AUTO PAINTING—We can take on a few more cars at this time. W. J. Wayne, 434 E. Center. Main 5082.

AUTO TOPS and furniture upholstering. Very best work. Decatur Upholstering Co., 841 N. Water. Main 2191.

CARS OVERHAULED and repaired. Get our prices on the best of work. A. L. Smith, 1630 N. Broadway. Main 4474.

RADIATORS. Fenders repaired. Let us fix your busted radiator. Howard Repair Shop, 620 N. Main. Main 388.

RADIATOR REPAIRING—Tube or honeycomb type. H. and D. Garage, 1108 N. Water. Main 1138.

VULCANIZING — Tire repairing. Work guaranteed. Used tires for sale. Wabash R. R. and W. Main St. Main 1900.

Auto Livery—Garages 16

AUTO STORAGE—You can store your cars cheaper here than anywhere else in the city. Call Main 977.

GARAGE—For rent at 911 W. Main. Call Fairview 779.

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DAVIS MERCANTILE AGENCY—Collections. 615 Millikin Building. Harry E. Davis, Mgr.

DEAD STOCK REMOVED—Farmers have your dead stock removed free of cost. Wm. Price, 864 N. Monroe. Main 4431.

RAG RUG WEAVING—From your old garments or curtains. Decatur Carpet & Rug Co., Main 1236. 259 E. Main St.

WASHING—Done at home. 527 So. Main.

WASHINGS and ironings. Work guaranteed. Call Fairview 928.

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FIRE, automobile and farm insurance. R. R. Montgomery & Sons, 141 E. Main St., Main 1243.

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SCHOOL OF DRESSMAKING and ladies tailoring. Mrs. A. C. Simmons 201-02 Empress Bldg. 148 E. North.

Moving, Trucking, Storage 23

BAGGAGE—Transfer, household goods moved, Country trips, truck service. E. Carter Rose, 535 N. Water. Main 4574.

BAGGAGE MOVED — Light trucking Prompt service. Big "6" Baggage. Phones Main 515-6944.

COAL—Junk, garbage and general hauling. Reasonable. Call Main 5171.

COAL HAULING—Hauling of all kinds. Moving. Will make country trips by ton and ½ truck. Webb, Fairview 1081.

COAL HAULING—Local or long distance trucking. Prompt attention to all orders. C. E. Potter, Fairview 980.

COAL HAULING—By union teamster, from either shaft. Main 5708.

LIGHT HAULING—Ashes, cans, etc. Ed Schaniel & Sons, Fairview 1829.

BUSINESS SERVICE

Moving, Trucking, Storage 23

MOVING, STORAGE, PACKING—Shipping of household goods or merchandise carefully done at low cost. Parke Telephones Main 54 or Main 55. 621 North Main St.

Painting—Papering 24

PAPERHANGING—Start the new year right, save money. Do your paperhanging and inside decorating now. C. Fenton, Main 4635.

PAPERING—General cleaning, small jobs of plastering. Light hauling. S. W. Morgan, 1249 W. Green. Main 4310.

PAPERING—Papering, painting, housecleaning varnishing, floor waxing. W. C. King, 201 W. Decatur. Main 2462.

Professional Services 27

INVENTIONS DEVELOPED and marketed. William Addis, M. E. 1020 S. Webster St. Main 6788.

PATENT OFFICE, DRAWINGS — With confidential experimental service. G. L. Miller, 430 Citz Bank Bldg. Main 5446.

Repairing 28

R. A. BRUNER—Is still in the violin repair business. Violins for sale. 750 W. Waggoner. Main 3398.

HOME REPAIRING—For any repairs about your home call Fairview 1637. The Home Repair Shop, 216 E. Division.

Renovating and Dyeing 29

LET US KEEP YOU CLEAN!—By boiling your clothes snow-white, by satisfactorily cleaning your overstuffed furniture; and by shampooing your rugs to look like new. Vacuum cleaners for rent. Workman Cleaning Co. Main 6318.

RUGS CLEANED—Have them shampooed Carpets and rugs made to look like new. Dusting, shampooing sizing. Call Main 995-996. Meridith Co., 320-330 E. Cerro Gordo.

Tailoring and Pressing 30

CLEANING AND PRESSING at the New Paris Cleaners. Phone Main 2005. Work called for and delivered.

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WAITERS—Two experienced. Call at Canton Tea Gardens, above Blakeney and Plum's.

YOUNG MEN—Young men, over 17, desiring government positions, $130 monthly, write for free list of positions now open. R. Terry, (former Civil Service examiner) 317 Continental Bldg., Washington, D. C.

Help—Male or Female 34

AMATEURS—Wanted for New Years Eve Amateur Contest. Good prizes. Apply Rilon Theater.

Salesmen and Agents 35

A MAN—Preferably married, of good reputation, pleasing personality, who can give first class references and furnish surety bond. To such a man we will give the exclusive sale in this city of the greatest labor and time saving device ever invented for the housewife. This is not a door bell ringing proposition but is real sales work, is a money maker and means a permanent connection to the man who succeeds. No investment required, sales experience valuable but not necessary. Phone for appointment. Mr. Lukens, Room 204, St. Nicholas Hotel, Holcomb and Hoke Mfg. Co.

SALESMAN—Wanted by the National Refining Co., first class, with car for Macon county. Write National Refining Co., Decatur, Ill.

Situations Wanted—Female 36

CONFINEMENT CASES — Experienced. Will do all the work. Call Fairview 1483.

HOUSEKEEPER—Wants position. Good home considered more than wages. 1040 W. Forrest.

HOUSEWORK—Wanted. References. Address Box No. 453, care Review.

POSITION—As housekeeper. Widower preferred. References. Address Box 474, care Review.

Situations Wanted—Male 37

CHEMISTRY STUDENT — Young man wants employment. Opportunity considered rather than salary. J. F. R. 1101 E. Grand. Fairview 27.

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LOANS—Made on city property. Schoenle & O'Mara, 123 E. Main St. Main 2208.

LOANS—AND REAL ESTATE. ALL KINDS OF INSURANCE. JOHNSON & BOBB, 127 E. PRAIRIE ST.

MONEY TO LOAN—ON DIAMONDS, WATCHES JEWELRY, REVOLVERS, AND OTHER COLLATERALS. WM. ROSENBERG, 125 S. WATER ST.

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FOX TERRIER PUPPIES and one rabbit dog, 1341 N. Gullick.

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COW—1 milk cow. 1104 W. Cerro Gordo.

HEIFER CALF— Good 5 months old, cheap. 1044 East Lawrence.

Poultry and Supplies 49

COCKERELS—Buff Orpington. A. T. Mills, 195 Oak Crest. Main 1736.

CORNISH GAME—Large flock, white faced black Spanish, $3.00. Toulouse African geese, $5.00. Muscovy ducks, trio, $5.50. Jacob Fleck, Enfield, Ill.

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OLIVER TYPEWRITER—No. 5. Good condition, $22.50. 141 N. Jasper, Main 3819.

SMALL OFFICE SAFE—31-in. high, 22 deep, 19 wide, $20.00. One Rotospeed in good condition, $25.00; used only a few times. Bowdle Accounting System, Cerro Gordo, Ill.

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TYPEWRITERS — Olivers, Underwoods, Remingtons. Special low prices. Machines rented. The big piano sale is on at Sufferns, 139 East North. Lowest prices.

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DRESSER and bedstead. In good condition. Fairview 1490.

FOLDING BEDS, Peninsular heating stove. Fire proof safe. Show cases. Typewriter. Several used pianos. Bargain prices. Suffern, 139 East North St.

MATTRESSES at retail. Feather mattresses a specialty. Also make overs. See us make them at the Dec. Mattress Factory, 1025 N. Water. Main 1666.

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BUY A LATONA—On convenient terms. Made in Decatur and the biggest Phonograph value offered. Latona Music Co., 357 N. Main St.

CLEAN UP SALE—For December of high grade pianos and player pianos. Don't fail to come in and see these exceptional values. We are offering quite convenient terms. Emerson Piano House, 143 N. Main St.

COLUMBIA GRAFONOLAS—Prices from $45.00 up. Yours for small payment down and easy weekly or monthly terms. Calhoun's, 118 E. William.

PIANO—Fine Schiller mahogany $148. Ten other real bargains. Easy terms. Suffern, 139 East North.

SCHILLER PIANO—Almost like new, $185. Gulbransen, nearly new player piano, $425. Other bargains. The big cut price piano sale is on at Suffern's, 139 East North.

UPRIGHT PIANO—Adam Schaaf: good condition, $135.00. R. R. Roath, 1529 N. Monroe.

SQUARE PIANO—Old fashioned, $25.00. Call at 1582 N. Main. Main 5864.

VELLMER PLAYER PIANO—Almost like new $440.00. Very easy payments. Fine bench and large assortment of rolls free. Free tuning. Suffern, 139 East North.

WANTED YOU TO KNOW—We are selling 85 cent phonograph records for 53 cents each. Exceptional bargains in phonographs and pianos. Suffern, 139 East North.

WEAVER PIANO—Good as new, will sell at a bargain if taken at once. Phone Main 6548.

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PHONOGRAPH RECORDS 85 CENT — While they last for 53 cents. Lowest prices on phonographs and pianos. Suffern, 139 East North.

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FURNITURE—Kitchen cabinet, davenette and sanitary cot. Main 782.

PHONOGRAPHS — Half dozen, wanted. Any good make. Pay cash. Our big piano sale is on. Lowest prices, easiest terms. Suffern, 139 East North.

USED PIANOS—Good condition. We pay cash. Pianos and typewriters rented. The big piano sale is on at Suffern's, 139 East North.

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GRAND W., 223—Rooms with board. Call Main 5583.

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CENTRAL AVE. 421—Modern sleeping room kitchen privileges. Main 6779.

COLLEGE, N., 328—Furnished rooms. Close in. Main 4372.

DECATUR W., 430—Furnished room. Main 1274.

FURNISHED ROOM—Modern home, next to bath; private entrance. Fairview 656.

KING, W. 718—2 furnished rooms. No children. Call Main 2812.

MAIN N., 1320—Modern room and garage. Man preferred.

MAIN S., 227—Modern sleeping room. Private family. Main 2303. Fairview 223.

MAIN SO., 310—Modern sleeping rooms.

MAIN S., 342—Sleeping rooms, heated.

MAIN, W., 934—Furnished front room. Call Fairview 1755.

PRAIRIE E., 863—One modern sleeping room suitable for 1 or 2. Mrs. Susie North. Fairview 798.

WATER S., 461 — Two housekeeping rooms, upstairs and sleeping rooms downstairs. All modern. Main 2726.

WOOD, E. 813—Modern sleeping room. $2.50 per week. Block from car.

WOOD W., 439—One furnished modern room. Gentleman preferred.

Rooms for Housekeeping 69

BROADWAY, N. 1800—Living room and kitchen. Modern furnished. Car line. Main 1630.

CAPITAL E., 1021—Three modern completely furnished rooms with bath in private home. Use of electric iron, cleaner and laundry. Rent reasonable. 1021 East Capitol. Fairview 1287.

CHURCH, N., 1845—Two modern furnished rooms. No children. Reasonable. Main 4032.

CONDIT E., 329—Two furnished part modern housekeeping rooms. Fairview 1026.

EDWARD N., 1204 — Three furnished housekeeping rooms. Call Fairview 130.

LEAFLAND E., 828—Three unfurnished rooms for light housekeeping.

LOCUST E., 1272—Four furnished or unfurnished rooms. References. Main 4121.

MAIN W., 202—2 modern furnished light housekeeping rooms, 202 W. Main.

MAIN W., 808—Strictly modern unfurnished rooms; also garage. Main 1805.

MARIETTA E., 269—2 unfurnished front rooms, $10 per month.

MORGAN N., 900—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Fairview 652.

NORTH W., 126—Two furnished modern housekeeping rooms. Main 6506.

PRAIRIE ST., E., 1020—Two modern furnished light housekeeping rooms.

PRAIRIE W. 230—Three modern furnished light housekeeping rooms.

ROOMS—Two furnished partly modern rooms; private entrance. Main 4441.

WEBSTER S. 568—2 light housekeeping rooms. Gas, electric lights, private entrance.

Where to Eat 71

CHICKEN DINNER SUNDAY 40c—Eat your New Years dinner at Brown's Cafe, 585 N. Water. A dinner of good tender, country chicken with all the trimmings. The best meal in town for 40 cents.

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

Apartments and Flats 74

APARTMENT — Beautiful five rooms. First floor. Heat and water supplied. Janitor service. Heated garage. Main 1074.

ROOMS—3 upstairs. Modern except heat and bath. John Ray. Fairview 1400.

Business Places for Rent 75

GOOD BUSINESS ROOM—Good location, none better. John Ray. Fairview 1400.

Houses for Rent 77

N. CHARLES, 2170—4 room house, part modern at 2170 N. Charles. Apply 461 N. Water. M. 4478.

COLLEGE N., 1753—Four room house. Three rooms at 169 E. King. Three or four rooms, 904 S. Webster. Two, three and four rooms, Gebhart Block. Heat.

HOUSE—Eight room modern house for sale or rent. Inquire at 1362 N. Main. Main 6781.

HOUSE—Six room. Not modern. $18.00 per month. Main 1607.

JOHNS AVE. E., 1400 BLK.—5 rooms, partly modern. Information 1004 E. Wood.

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

Houses for Rent 77

ILLINOIS N., 2200 BLK—4 room house. Inquire 451 N. Water. Main 4478.

MACON, W., 1403—Furnished house, complete with bath. Ideal location. Call Fairview 1568 or Main 42.

MODERN HOME — 6 rooms, close in. Phone Fairview 1060.

NORTHWEST PART—New six room cottage furnished complete, part modern. Call Fairview 834.

WEST END—6 room modern bungalow, $45.00 per month. Fairview 1736.

WILLARD AVE., 1203—4 room house. Electric lights. Apply at above address.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

Farms and Land For Sale 83

120 ACRE FARM—Ten minutes drive from Decatur, suitable for dairy or fruit farm. Bargain. On gravel road. Must be sold by Jan. 1st. For appointment see A. M. Glasco, 116 N. Water. Main 1374.

1116 ACRES—Fully equipped with mules, horses, implements, etc. Price $140,000. Will divide. Will trade for City property. The big piano sale is going on at Suffern's, 139 East North. Prices busted on pianos and player pianos. Easy payments.

GET AHEAD OF THE DERRICK—

610 acres, in fee, Reeves County, Texas. Good agricultural land. Twelve miles from Toyah-Bell No. 2 well, now in gusher class, and ten miles from Toyah-Bell shallow field. Surrounded by drilling wells. Price $8.00 per acre in tracts of forty acres or more.

320 acres, in fee, on line of Reeves and Culberson Counties, Texas. Good land. Three miles from Troxler well and Toyah shallow field. Surrounded by development of big Mid Continent companies. Price $10.00 per acre in tracts of forty acres or more. Must act quickly. James O'Mara, 123 East Main St., Decatur, Ill., Tel. Main 2208.

Houses For Sale 84

BUNGALOW—Of 5 rooms, all modern, near Junior High, $3650. $500 down. R. F. Schwartz. Main 6250.

CHURCH ST., NORTH—Two 5 room cottages, $2500 each, 4 room cottage on N. Union St., lot 76x176, 6 room house, lot 55x187 on N. College St., price $3000. 200 others in all parts of the city. Allen 145 Merchant St.

CONDIT ST., E.—Good 6 room house, electric lights. On full lot, $1600. $500 down, balance as rent. A real bargain. E. F. Stringer, 208 Millikin Bldg., Main 4612.

CREA S. 445—6 room modern house. Garage and concrete drive; must sell at once.

EAST SIDE—5 room house, electric lights full lot, fruit of all kinds, $500 down $18 mo. Hazenfield & Drobisch, 116 Merchant St. Main 2047.

EDWARD N., 812—6 room modern house, hot water, heat, electric lights.

FIVE ROOM HOUSE—Full lot and barn. Nicely located, $200 down, balance month, price $1800. Decatur Real Estate Co., 721 Gushard Bldg.

HOUSES—Forced to sell, 8 room modern,

J. W. Carter Appointed as Revenue Collector

Succeeds Jake Hill, Who Takes Up Duties as Temporary Postmaster Sunday.



J. W. CARTER.

J. W. Carter, 821 West Macon street, deputy county treasurer, has been officially confirmed as chief deputy collector of the Springfield district in charge of the Decatur subdistrict with offices in The Review building. Carter is named to succeed Jake Hill, who takes over the reins of postmaster at the Decatur postoffice Sunday. Mr. Carter will also take his office on this date.

Owing to some delay in the confirmation, J. M. Allison, deputy in the Decatur office, was to have taken the position for a few days until Mr. Hill's successor was named but now this will not be necessary. Mr. Carter is an old Decatur resident and was long connected with the Decatur Coal Co. He is also a prominent Knights of Pythias.

BERING'S LAST DAY.

Postmaster W. M. Bering was putting in his last day in the position of postmaster Saturday, and was suffering with a bad cold. He has already received the notice that Jake Hill is appointed temporary postmaster effective Sunday. Hill had not yet received official word Saturday morning but was to have it later in the day. Later this appointment is expected to be made permanent.

Mr. Bering will be at the postoffice for several days yet, getting moved out. He planned to start this Saturday but because of sickness, did not do it. He will now devote practically all of his time to the Decatur Water Supply Co., business for several months to come.

BOND NECESSARY.

The bond of the present postmaster has been $35,000. It is based on the size of the receipts at an office but it happens that at Decatur it was never raised. It is understood that it probably will be raised to $50,000 in keeping with the growth of business.

IVENS INSTALLED MASTER OF LODGE

Macon No. 8 A. F. and A. M. Has Big Banquet.

Aaron Ralph Ivens was installed as Worshipful Master of Macon Lodge No. 8 A. F. and A. M., Friday night in a special meeting in which more than 300 persons attended, many of them being wives of the members. Other elected and appointed officers were also installed by James Monroe Willard, the installing officer. Owen Scott acted as marshall, L. J. Wylie as chaplain and George Flint as secretary.

Following the installation ceremony a chicken pot pie supper was served in the dining room by Decatur Chapter No. 111 Order of Eastern Star.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

The officers installed follow:
Worshipful master—A. R. Ivens.
Senior warden—E. L. Hale.
Junior Warden—O. M. Lowry.
Treasurer—Guy P. Lewis.
Secretary—W. A. Dixon.
Chaplain—Harry Hewitt.
Senior Deacon—C. B. Warner.
Junior Deacon—Forrest Wikoff.
Senior Steward—A. C. Hall.
Junior Steward—E. G. Hoover.
Marshal—Ralph Glatfelter.
Organist—George R. Bicknell.
Tyler—James N. Sampson.

DECATUR SCHOOLS TO RE-OPEN MONDAY

New Year's Holiday Not to Be Observed.

The Decatur schools reopen Monday morning. Some of the business houses in Decatur will observe the day as a holiday but it is not a holiday in the schools. A good many holidays have been crowding to the schools and every idle day costs the tax payers of the Decatur school district a good many thousand dollars. Superintendent Richeson is therefore disposed to observe no more holidays than are necessary.

One teacher has resigned since the schools closed for the Christmas holidays, Miss Wilma Roy, teacher of 3b and 4b in the Ullrich school offered her resignation Friday because of the very serious illness of her mother at Lerna, Ill. No successor has been appointed for her. A substitute will have charge of the room Monday and the place will probably be permanently filled on Tuesday.

MRS. THOMAS AGAIN ON TEACHERS' BOARD

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 31.—Reappointment of Mrs. Sarah L. Thomas of Rockford to the board of trustees of the Illinois State Teachers' pension and retirement fund, was announced today by Governor Small. One member of the board is appointed each year.

SYNDICATE BUYS OHIO BONUS BONDS

New York, Dec. 31.—A banking syndicate headed by the First National Bank of New York has purchased an issue of $20,000,000 4½ per cent. soldiers' bonus bonds of the State of Ohio, on a bid of 101.77, approximately a 4.40 basis.

COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SUBMIT NAMES

Mayor Will Pick Committee from Them.

"I have asked the other members of the council to submit lists of names of men who would, they think, make good members of the committee which I have been asked to appoint to meet with the city council and representatives of the Decatur Railway & Light Co., to discuss the terms of the proposed franchise," said Mayor Borchers Saturday.

"Two of the members have given me lists and as soon as the others submit lists the appointment of the committee will be considered."

DEATHS

MRS. CHARLOTTE WELDEN.

Mrs. Charlotte Welden, widow of A. G. Welden, died at 4 o'clock Saturday morning at the home of her son, Harry Welden, 1238 North Main street. She was sixty-nine years old in November. Her death was caused by a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Welden was born in Lancaster, O., Nov. 28, 1852. She had lived in Jacksonville before coming to Decatur, and was married in that city. She was a member of the First Methodist church in Decatur. She leaves three children, Mrs. W. W. Curry, Mrs. T. C. Davis and Harry Welden, all of Decatur, and a sister, Mrs. John Crum, in Jacksonville.

The body will be taken to Jacksonville for interment.

MRS. GRANT.

Mrs. Henry Abaly was called to Chicago Friday night by a message announcing the death of her mother, Mrs. Grant. Death was caused by heart trouble. Though Mrs. Grant had been in ill health for two months, her death was wholly unexpected.

FUNERALS

MRS. JOSEPHINE CURRAN.

The funeral of Mrs. Josephine Curran, wife of John Curran, was held at 9 a. m. Saturday at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Soleman high mass was celebrated, with Rev. Father J. Murphy as celebrant, Rev. Father Meagher as deacon and Rev. Father Ryan as sub-deacon. It was the largest funeral held in that church in a long time, the church being filled with friends.

The music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hayes, Miss Agnes Mulcady and Leo Hayes. Professor William Nees was the accompanist.

There were many beautiful floral tributes in charge of Miss Maude McKinney, Mrs. Agnes Razer, Misses Laura Hill, Aileen Brooks, Stella Coleman Elizabeth Walker, Nellie Gray, Mrs. M. Godfrey and Mrs. A. Fletcher.

The pallbearers were Theodore Padgett, Michael Godfrey, Dan Dinneen, M. H. McEvoy, James McEvoy, Arthur Fletcher, William Haffey and Charles McKinley. The interment was in Calvary cemetery.

MISS MAGNER'S WILL IS FILED

Leaves Personal Effects and Money to Mrs. Murray.

The will of Miss Josephine Magner was filed for probate Friday. To Mrs. Gertrude Murray, a friend, is left all her clothing and personal jewelry and keepsakes and $135 in cash; to Rev. Father A. Teppe and Rev. Father J. Murphy, $25 each for masses. The balance of the estate is left to the brother-in-law, Robert H. Wiseman, of Chicago. Mrs. Gertrude Murray is named executrix.

Contagion.

Diphtheria—Edna White, 1052 St. Louis avenue; M. Koscielny, 837 North Lowber.

Typhoid Fever—S. McLeod at Wabash hospital.

DEEDS RECORDED.

[illegible] Farm [illegible] supplr. lot 8, [illegible] Abbott [illegible] lots, $400.

F. J. Marshall to G. A. Studle; block A, C. of C. addition; $1.

Augusta Herbig to Louis Reinhart, lot 4, block 4, Carver's addition; $1,300.

Mary Lillian Cree to Frank Cavanaugh, lot 6, block A, Southwestern addition; $1.

WEDDED 56 YEARS AGO IN DECATUR

Bride Was Daughter of Gen. Pugh.

A fifty-sixth wedding anniversary was observed some time ago in Fort Scott, Kan., which is of interest to Decatur folks, especially old timers. It was that of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Gilham, who were married in Decatur on Sept. 26, 1865.

The bride was the daughter of General I. C. Pugh. General Pugh's wife was before her marriage Elvira Gorin, a sister of the late Jerome R. Gorin.

A Fort Scott paper, in telling of the anniversary, had the following to say about the Gilhams and General Pugh:

"Perry Gilham, city weighmaster, and his good wife were in a reminiscent mood on Monday, when they celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary and it seems a long time since they were married way back in Decatur, Illinois, September 26th, 1865, after the young soldier had returned from service in the Civil War with the rank of Lieutenant, Co. C 126th Inf. Reg.

ISSUED RATIONS.

"When Mr. Gilham enlisted in September 4, 1862, he was made commissary sergeant and he issued the hardtack and other rations while the army was in Tennessee and Arkansas. The regiment served through the siege of Vicksburg and took part in the capture of Little Rock. A copy of the history of Shelby and Moultrie counties, Ill., says: 'The regiment was composed of stubborn fighters and they rendered gallant and hard service.'"

PUGH'S DAUGHTER.

"Mr. Gilham married the daughter of General I. C. Pugh, a veteran of the Black Hawk and Mexican wars who lived in Kentucky before moving to Decatur, Ill.

"His bride was Miss Belle Pugh, who was a music student at the Mount Zion Academy at the time that Mr. Gilham attended. It was a Cumberland Presbyterian school and was closed because the war took all the young men.

KEPT HIS HORSE.

"General Pugh had a fine charger that he rode through the war for four years. The horse was twice wounded but came out all right. After General Pugh's death Mr. Gilham brought the horse to Fort Scott. 'Old Billy' lived to be 32 years old and was a most intelligent animal. Mr. Gilham was a lover of horses and still has one he calls 'Billy.' He thinks his last horse is always the best," said a relative. "And the last grandchild is always the sweetest," said Mrs. Gilham, whose cooking is praised to the skies by her 80 year old husband, who loves to joke her about early day experiences. He makes up for it in thoughtful little surprises, for on the anniversary day, she found something under her plate that every woman likes.

WEDDING GOWN.

"Mrs. Gilham was induced to describe her wedding gown of the long ago. It was made of brown rep silk, with basque waist and voluminous skirts and was trimmed with white cord. The honeymoon trip was down to Cairo, Ill., and then a visit to Jersey county and a boat trip on the Ohio river.

"The winters were cold out on the Illinois farm and ice formed within a few feet of the wood fire.

"Mrs. Gilham doesn't look her 75 years of age. The family consists of two daughters, Mrs. Della Miller of Fort Scott and Mrs. Maude Lamb of Springfield, Mo., Mrs. Lamb has four children. The Gilhams live at 402 South Lowman."

425 TELEPHONES ADDED THIS YEAR

New Directory Now Being Distributed.

"Decatur has made a gain in telephones in use during the year 1921 of 425," said Fred Kelly, manager of the local exchange. "This is a very good gain considering the year, and is much greater than in many cities of Decatur's rank."

The new telephone directory, which is now being distributed, carries about 200 more names than the directory issued during the summer and the growth for the year is 425 with quite a large number of telephones on order for placement as soon as the company can get to them.

MOST STORES TO BE CLOSED MONDAY

Day Will Be Observed As New Year's Holiday.

It is the general understanding that the banks, retail stores and offices will be closed all day Monday just as they were on last Monday. It is possible that some of the grocery stores and meat markets may be open part of the day but business as a rule will be suspended for the holiday.

MEETINGS.

Ionic lodge 312 A. F. and A. M.—Special meeting Saturday night at 7:30 in Eldorado Temple.

MAFFIT LAND CASE WILL CLOSE TODAY

Some Witnesses Say Value Is $2000 An Acre.

The property owners in the Maffit land condemnation suit rested their case at shortly after 11 o'clock Saturday morning. Attorney W. J. Cerey, representing the fifteen boat house owners, then took up the case. Just how many of the owners of boat houses are to testify could not be told at that time, but it was expected that the case could go to the jury some time Saturday evening.

Frank Godwin, witness for the property owners, said Saturday morning on the stand, that the land north of the river and east of the road is worth $2,000 an acre; that south of the river is worth $125, and the land west of the road and north of the river is worth $1,000 an acre, and these valuations do not include the buildings, which he valued at $3,000.

BUXTON GIVES ESTIMATE.

Dr. T. C. Buxton said the land south of the river was worth $75 or $80 an acre, east of the road, and that west of the road south of the river is worth $500 an acre on account of the valuable deposit of fine building sand. The land north of the river he valued at $1,500 to $2,000 an acre.

Joe Logan said the land east of the road and north of the river was worth $2,000 an acre without the improvements, and that west of the road and north of the river at $1,500 an acre for sub-division purposes He would not place a valuation on the land south of the river.

C. R. Widick and Logan Rice testified that the boat houses were worth all the way from $50 to $600.

PRESENT AFFIDAVITS.

The affidavit as to what T. H. Willhite would testify to, if present, was admitted in evidence; that the land south of the river is worh $125 an acre; that north of the river and east of the ravine, that must be taken, $200 an acre; the balnace east of the road, $2,000 an acre, and the remaining land to be taken $1,000 an acre.

Will Collins, city consulting engineer, identified a map of the city showing the streets in that part of the city. He was the last witness for the land owners.

The testimony of J. D. Johnson Friday was that the land as a whole was worth $10,250. That part west of the road and north of the river, about twenty-five acres, he valued at $7,100o the land east of the road and north of the river, at about $900 to $1,000 for the four and a fraction acres, and the buildings at $1,600.

The last witness for the city, C. F. Bachman, closed his testimony early Friday afternoon. He placed a valuation of $8,225 on the land sought to be condemned.

COLLINS ON STAND.

Engineer Will Collins was put on by the land owners to show that according to the guage placed on a post to indicate the rise and fall of the river, the land west of the road was not subject to overflow, but he had not taken the readings himself and could not give the exact figures. He said the normal stage at the Maffit bridge is approximately 597½ feet.

WORTH $2,000 ACRE.

Robert U. Maffit, one of the owners of the land, has lived within two blocks of the land in question for over forty-one years. He said that before the new dam was built the water did not stand on the land south of the river, except in the slough. The highest water was in 1913, when about a half acre of the land north of the river and west of the road was flooded. During the high water in the last six weeks about three acres were under water. Except on those two occasions the land had not been flooded.

He said that the ten acres he sold to the Country club brought $12,000, or $1,200 an acre, and that the land on the east side of the road and north of the river is the same kind of land. He said that the market value for the land north of the river in November, 1921, was $2,000 an acre. He had an offer of $16,000 for the tract. His valuation, he said, did not include the buildings. There are five barns and wagon sheds on the place. The large barn cost over $3,500.

INCOME FROM LAND.

Mr. Maffit said his income from the land is $1,122 a year. There are several boat houses on the land and he received $15 a year rent from each. He said he gets two gallons of milk a day from the tenant on the land and he valued that at a $1 a day. He also gets garden produce on which he did not place any estimate.

CANTRALL TESTIFIES.

A. L. Cantrall was on the stand when court adjourned for the day. He said that the land north of the river and east of the road is worth from $2,000 to $2,500 an acre, its value being increased by the proximity of the new lake.

NO REDUCTION COMING ON FORDS

Company Sends Out Letter Denying Rumors.

Any rumors that prices on Ford automobiles are to be reduced Jan 1 are unfounded, according to a letter received by the Talbot-Barry Motor company from the Ford Motor company at St. Louis.

The letter states:

"Our attention has been called to recent newspaper articles and rumors to the effect that there is to be a price drop on Jan. 1. As there is no foundation to such rumors and we are not contemplating any price changes we have no hesitancy in making a denial of the report."

ALL WABASH MEN MAY BE RECALLED

Unverified Rumor Spreads Among Crafts.

PLAN FAST SCHEDULE

Special from St. Louis on Short Time.

There is a story in Wabash circles Saturday morning that it had been found that the January and February appropriation for the mechanical department was larger than had been expected and that it would permit the shop officials to not only take back all of the men who were laid off on Dec. 23, but would even permit the re-employment of a few more men laid off before.

Leaders in some of the crafts made a statement along this line Saturday morning and even went so far as to say that the officials had notified them to recall all men laid off Dec. 23 and to bring in a few needed additional, that eleven more machinists and two boilermakers were to be added.

"I have my doubts about that," said Superintendent of Motive Power G. F. Hess Saturday noon. "I have been away and haven't gotten into the appropriation figures yet. Mr. Eisele has been working on them and I don't know what he found out and he is away at this time. I am inclined to think that my first estimate of 30 per cent of the men back is more correct, however."

Take Over Branch.

Indianapolis papers confirm the report that the C. I. and W. is taking over that portion of the defunct C. and E. I. coal road between West Union and Brazil, Ind., effective Saturday night. The receiver for this division of the C. and E. I. is abandoning it at this time and Commissioner Barnard of the Indiana Public Service commission has interested the C. I. and W. in handling the stretch of about twenty-three miles.

This will be until Jan. 16, when the road is put up for sale and it is said the C. I. and W. would be a bidder for this small south end trip. This operation of the south end will take care of 40 per cent of the division's business and will give an outlet for the clay products plant at Mecca, the brick plants at Brazil, the coal mines and other industries.

Industries at Attica and located on this branch of the C. and E. I. have asked the Wabash to furnish them switching service until things get straightened out and the Wabash has agreed to do this as the public service commission permits.

Boilermakers Elect.

Wabash boilermakers held their annual election of officers Friday and named N. A. Whiteman of the back shops as delegate to succeed Charley Younger, who has held that office for several years. Following is the result of the election:

President—Thomas Morris.
Vice President—H. E. Hunt.
Recording Secretary—M. J. Kelly.
Financial Secretary — Charles Younger.
Treasurer—T. J. Ryan.
Inner Sentinel—Oran Miller.
Delegate—N. A. Whiteman.
Alternate—Robert Hall.
Trustees—Robert Hall, Ed Fahay, F. P. Nell.

Plan Fast Schedule.

The Wabash engineer that catches the U. of I. students' special out of St. Louis for Champaign next Tuesday morning is going to have to make a good trip to keep on the schedule that has been arranged. This train to consist of one baggage and six or seven coaches or chair cars, is to leave St. Louis at 8:15 Tuesday morning just ahead of No. 4. It is scheduled to make five stops at Granite City, Mitchell, Edwardsville, Litchfield and Taylorville, to pick up students and to arrive in Decatur at 10:45.

Railroad Notes.

Effective Jan. 3 Wabash engine dispatching forces here are instructed to put a 2500 series engine on Nos. 94-93 between Decatur and Chicago. One of the 2400 engines now used on this run will be assigned to the 6th district local and the other to pool service between Decatur and Tilton.

Because of the double holidays again Wabash time freights are to be given full tonnage rating on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 and 2. Local freights including the switch local but not the eighth district local will all be annuled on Monday.

John Adolph, C. I. and W. freight house cashier, has gone to Chicago for a couple of days for treatment at the hands of a specialist.

It is said the maintenance of way department appropriation on the Wabash Decatur division for January is not quite as short as was first reported and that a few of the men, perhaps half of those laid off on Dec. 23, will now get back to work on Jan. 3.

Alfred Koehler and Thomas G. Locke, both Wabash stationery engineers, expect to leave about the middle of January with their families in autos for a trip to California.

Wabash Engineer Bob Zink has again marked off for a few days to visit in Hannibal, Mo.

Irvin Reed, engine wiper at the Wabash at night, fell from the running board of an engine while at work Friday night. Although he fell on his head and shoulders, he did not suffer any serious injuries.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Mary Clark, 918 East Prairie, will spend New Year's in Bloomington with Miss Margaret Hegarty.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Gay Blackstone, Shelbyville .....Legal
Vaude E. Smith, Decatur ..... Legal
William Jones, Monticello .....Legal
Margaret Scott, Monticello .....Legal

MANY CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR NURSERY

Long List of Donations Is Reported.

The Decatur Day Nursery appreciates very much the generous gifts made by the public to the nursery at Christmas time. Donations of money, eatables, decorations, toys and so on were received, so that the little tots in the nursery could have a merry Christmas.

HOLIDAY PARTY.

For the holiday party the nursery was beautifully decorated in Christmas colors by Mrs. Carl Becker. At noon a chicken dinner was served and at 3:30 ice cream and cake were served to the mothers and seventy little tots, who afterwards gathered around a large Christmas tree standing in the southwest corner of the playroom.

Miss Hazel Smith, kindergarten teacher, then introduced a program of songs and dances, keeping the children interested until the arrival of Santa Claus. Paper bags filled with presents, candy, oranges and apples were handed to the children.

DONATIONS.

Donations for the Christmas party were as follows:

One bushel apples, one bushel oranges—Mrs. A. M. Kenney.

Box apples—Decatur Orchard Association.

Box of apples—H. Mueller Mfg. Co.

Twenty pounds of candy—Leavenworth's.

Twenty pounds of candy—McClelland Grocery company.

Ten gallons ice cream—Mr. Warnecke, Polar Ice Cream company.

Cake—Mrs. Guy Lewis.

Cake—Mrs. T. J. Prentice.

Box of cookies—Mothers' club of Mary W. French school.

Five dozen doughnuts—Mrs. Gates

Two dozen cup cakes—Mrs. W. A. Phares.

Three dozen cup cakes—Mrs. John Rucker.

Fifty popcorn balls—Mrs. Henry Eberhardt.

Oranges—Mrs. Robert Mueller.

Oranges—Mrs. Lobenstein.

Oranges—Mrs. John Moore.

Five chickens—Mrs. Vade Conklin and John Spotts.

Christmas paper bags—Mrs. William Barnes.

Table Christmas tree—Mrs. Minney.

House decorations—Mrs. Carl Becker.

Forty-five boxes of animal cookies and forty-five stockings filled with candy.—Mystery club.

Fifty pound sack of flour—Shellabarger company.

Twenty-four dressed dolls—W. B A. club, Thursday night and Bridge clubs.

Eight dolls—Mrs. R. L. Morris.

One drum—Junior Minney.

$5—Mrs. J. D. Moore.

$5—Mrs. Robert Vaile.

$5—Mrs. Mueller Blair.

$10—Mrs. R. C. McMillen.

During the last month the attendance at the nursery was 800. The nursery board will have its regular meeting Friday morning of 9:30. On Jan. 16 the annual business meeting will be held.

BOY SUES FOR $10,000 DAMAGES

Frank Henry Alleges He Was Burned By Electric Wire.

Frank Henry, nine years of age, through his attorneys, McDavid, Monroe and Hershey has filed suit against the Decatur Railway and Light company for $10,000 damages. He alleges that on June 30, 1921, when climbing a tree on the west side of North Mercer street, his hands came in contact with an electric wire and he was badly burned.

MARRIED

JONES-SCOTT.

William Jones and Margaret Scott, both of Monticello, were married at 1:30 Saturday afternoon by Judge J. H. McCoy at the court house.

Looking Up.



Grace Earles admires Jan Van Albert "from a distance" at the Showmen's League, New York.

SCRAPS OF NEWS

LIBRARY TO CLOSE.

The public library will be closed all day Monday.

MARRIED 20 YEARS.

G. C. Keyl was united in marriage to Miss Sophie Fathauer of Boody twenty years ago Jan. 1.

OREANA ENTERTAINMENT.

There will be a big entertainment in the town hall at Oreana Thursday night, Jan. 5. Moving pictures will be shown and there will be music. The admittance fees will be 15 and 20 cents.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Day Nursery will have its annual meeting Monday afternoon, Jan. 16 at 2:30 in the Y. W. C. A.

ARM BROKEN.

Walter Moore, salesman at the Decatur Trunk factory, broke his arm Friday afternoon when he attempted to crank the factory truck. He is getting along nicely and does not expect to be confined to his home very long.

SEND $10 TO FIREMEN.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Sober, proprietors of the Norman laundry, where a small fire occurred Friday morning, have sent a check for $10 to the firemen to be added to the pension fund.

NO MAIL DELIVERY MONDAY.

The usual holiday program will be carried out at the postoffice next Monday. There will be no city or rural delivery of mail but all windows of the postoffice will be open until 10 o'clock Monday morning to serve patrons.

BUSY TIMES ON THE PLANTATIONS

The Happy Negroes Troop to Canefields.

(Helene Robbins, in the New Orleans Times-Picayune). "Wake up, you niggers, and git yoah brekfus ready! Wake up and git to work!" rings through the streets of the little town still rapt in slumber.

Four o'clock and the crier goes slowly on. The black, foggy night lags in flight as if wondering when the brilliant sun will come to frighten it away.

Loudly and more insistently the old man cries the alarm, alternating between a sing-song and a more emphatic call, till gradually one seems to know that life bestirs itself behind the closed doors of the cabins. Here a woman, opening the door, stares at the receding back of the crier, there a man's dark head protrudes from the white curtains in an open window and calls to a friend in the neighboring house. Smoke curls upward from rows of chimneys. The oder of the coffee fills the air. Lights gleam in the curtained doorways, and boisterous chatter proclaims the workers preparing for the field.

PROCESSION STARTS.

Soon they stream from the cabins, men and women, young and old; huge sun hats cover the dusky heads. The women's skirts looped up by the tie-strings about the hips reach only to the knees, the upper excess of cloth forming a bustle effect of ample proportions. Pipes in mouths, dinner buckets in hand and canelknives slug over shoulders, the colorful procession of workers wends its way, slip-slop, slip-slop, through the streets, into dusty roadways and on to the canefield destination. Children, too, accompany it, to play with the shanty children on the plantation grounds. Or left to themselves at home they grasp their chance of uninterrupted squabble and play with happy hearts.

IN THE FIELDS.

Now in the fields, the slashing of the tall cane stalks form an accompaniment for the songs and chatter of the negroes. The overseer as he rides by, stopping his slow-moving horse for a moment to survey the fields of workers, sees bended backs, hears the calls to one another or the, now, almost breathless songs, and smiles a bit, for he enjoys the cane-cutting harvest as much as they. And truly the negroes enjoy it, that comaraderie especially, and the opportunity to exchange the sawmill jobs at two and three dollars a day for a dollar and a half and a full day's work in the field. They cut, as they say, "from kin to cain't," from the time when they can see till the time when they can't, and they enjoy it.

OTHERS ENJOY IT.

But the negroes are not the only ones who enjoy the cane cutting and grinding season. The boys of the neighborhood are in their element when armed with a stout knife they battle against the huge ever-resolving carrier that hauls the stalks up into the mill and out of their reach. Better and sweeter still is the cane chewed on the sly in the solitary midst of a waving cane field, or "swiped" from loaded freight cars in the early morning, one eye "peeled for the watchman," the other on the lookout against wormy cane. How torturing are the after-hours spent at school for lesson failure or for "teasing the girls," when the other fellows are out in the cane fields or at the mill. And when knives are forfeited for a period, for cutting desks instead of cane, how cruel to them is the punishment. Sugar cane season is indeed a school season of cutting and squirming.

In the meantime, negroes bend to their task in the fields, the great mouth of the derrick hauls the cane into the carrier, boys and girls chew cane, and life on the plantation, a midget world in itself, goes along in humdrum, everyday fashion.

INTEREST IN OIL FIELD UNABATED

Twenty-five Barrels a Day Will Pay.

TO "SHOOT" TUESDAY

Promoters Not Expecting a Gusher.

There was nothing doing in the oil field Saturday. The rig stands bleak and lonesome and it looks no more capable of causing a furore in the community than a deserted saw mill. But if the drilling rig is still and temporarily deserted the oil fever has not shown the slightest sign of abating. Every body is waiting for the shooting of the well next Tuesday. If this brings the well in with a profitable flow things will begin to happen in that neighborhood.

"What should the well produce to be considered a good, paying well?" is the question that is most frequently asked. It is stated that if the well produces twenty-five barrels a day it will give a good return. If it produces fifty barrels a day it will be very much better. If it should prove to be a gusher and yield 1,500 barrels a day we shall be engulfed by a tidal wave of insanity the like of which was never known before in Decatur.

GUSHER NOT EXPECTED.

Nobody is so optimistic as to expect a gusher, but the oil experts are expecting a fifty barrel well or better. And if this well does not prove highly profitable there are two oil strata below the present bottom of the well.

The people who are directly concerned in shooting the well are hoping for mild weather Tuesday. The most seasoned veterans in well shooting don't care to handle frozen nitroglycerine. The frozen nitroglycerine is perhaps rather less dangerous than the liquid but it has to be thawed before it is put into the well and the thawing is a dangerous operation. It is thawed by pouring boiling water over the cans.

IN 5 GALLON TINS.

The explosive is transported in five gallon tin cans, which are packed in a wagon body resembling an exagerater egg case. Each can has a compartment all its own and each compartment is padded. With this padding there is but slight danger than any road shock would cause an explosion but there is always danger of a leaky can as a result of which any thing might happen.

The experts on the ground do not think that the preliminary work will be completed before noon Tuesday, probably not before 1 or 2 o'clock. That will give folks who want to see the operation a chance to eat their noon day lunch before going to the well.

TO MAKE PICTURE.

Arrangements have been made to photograph the well at the instant of firing. It will not be a motion picture but a still picture of a very swiftly moving drama. The photographer will place his camera on one of the elevations near the well and will of course have his focus and his shutted set ready for the word to fire the shot.

The crowd will be kept well back out of the way of a possible accident and out of range of flying debris. This debris is expected to spread to a radius of several hundred yards but the particles thrown to such a distance will be small and harmless.

MUCH LIVESTOCK KILLED IN FIRE

Plainfield, Ill., Dec. 31.—Forty head of cattle, eight horses, 20 pigs and tons of grain and hay were lost in a fire which destroyed four buildings on the Pritchard Stewart farm near here early this morning. The home was saved. The loss will total approximately $30,000.

15 YEARS WITHOUT SINGLE ABSENCE

Virginia, Ill., Dec. 31.—Fifteen years of faithful and uninterrupted attendance at the Presbyterian Sunday school, has been rounded out by Miss Mabel Turner of this city. The medallion presented her the first year of unbroken attendance has had fourteen pendants added.

PULLMAN COMPANY TO ISSUE STOCK

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 31—The Pullman company of Chicago today filed application with the Illinois Commerce Commission for permission to issue $15,000,000 capital stock.

U. S. RECEIVES GERMAN DIPLOMAT

Washington, Dec. 31.—Diplomatic relations between Germany and the United States were resumed officially late today when Carl Lang, charge d'affaires from the Berlin government presented his letters of credence and was received by Secretary Hughes.

BORN

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDaniel, 1[illegible] West Grand avenue, Dec. 31, a son.

LATE MARKETS

LIBERTY BONDS.

New York, Dec. 31—Liberty bonds closed: 3½'s 98.00; first 4's 97.00; second 4's 96.34; first 4¼'s 97.06; second 4¼'s 96.94; third 4¼'s 97.52; fourth 4¼'s 97.14; victory 3¾'s 100.06; victory 4¼'s 100.04.

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